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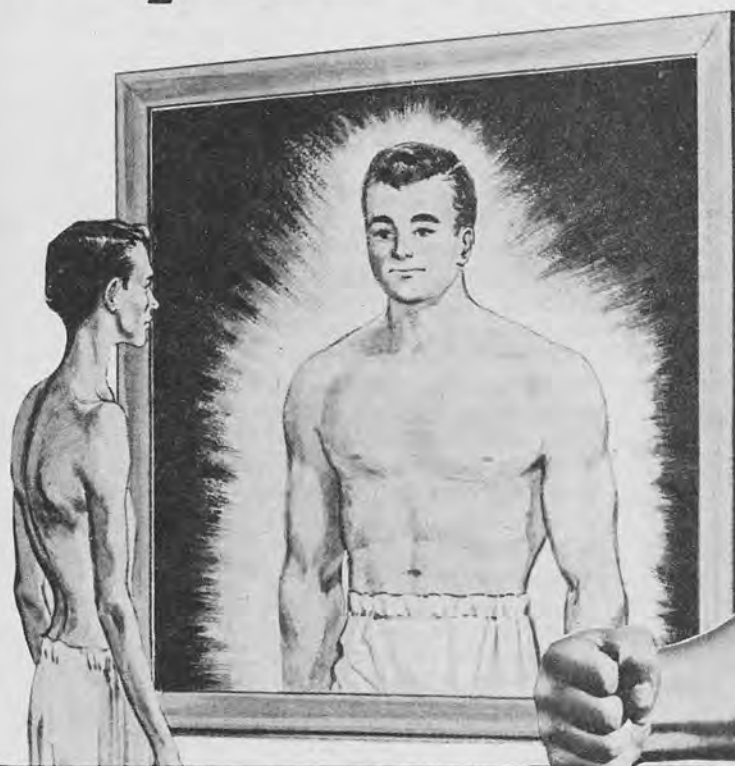
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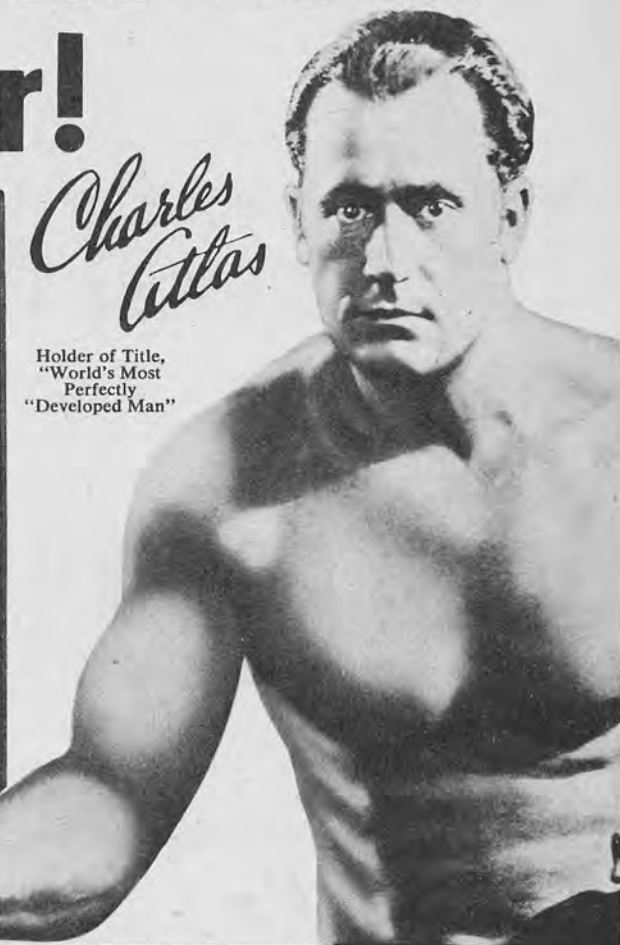


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# THE NATION'S TOP 500 HIGH SCHOOL STARS

By Bill Buchalter

Signs of psychological warfare dot dressing room walls from coast to coast, sport to sport, coach to players. One of the more popular expressions of incentive is "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."

Complete Sports' 1967-68 All-America high school basketball team is a composite of that. Not a single member of the starting five—which stretches geographically from New Jersey to California—surpasses 6-foot-5.

Call them the mighty midgets. Call them the court wizards of Id. But don't dispute their combined 134 points per game scoring average.

Giants of the team are 6-5 Dennis Wuycik, who helped Ambridge to the Pennsylvania state championship, and 6-5 Bob Ford who led Evansville North to the Indiana state title.

Wuycik is a muscular 210 pounder and is the No. 1 blue-chip prospect in the east, averaging around 25 points per game. Ford

is a hulking 225 pounds with a 23.7 average. But, more importantly, he bettered that figure (27) in the state finals and also added 21 rebounds to insure the championship.

While Wuycik is called the east's superstar, Ford is akin to greatness in the Hoosier-mad world of basketball. Ford broke an eight-year state scoring record with 128 points in the four-game tournament finale to lead Evansville North to its first state crown. Wuycik had the dubious distinction of being named All-America as a junior on several post-season teams.

Berkeley, home of the University of California, has become known as the center of student protest. But no one at Berkeley will protest the selection of Phil Chenier, an agile 6-2 performer with credentials for greatness. Chenier was second in voting for the most valuable player award in northern California.

He tallied 714 points and was the lone junior selected to the five-man All-Northern California team.

Bob Kivisto is "Mr. Everything" in Illinois. The 6-2 honor student was an all-state selection at Union Township High School in East Moline last year. He will play for East Aurora this year because his father changed basketball coaching jobs over the summer. Kivisto was selected his team's top defensive player for three straight years, compiling 373 defensive steals and forcing 164 jump balls.

Offensively, he was credited with 434 assists and became the first junior in the Quad Cities area to be selected most valuable player. He ranked ninth in a class of over 700 scholastically.

Like David and Goliath, Israel and the United Arab Republic, John Somogyi is the guy with the slingshots. His bigger, stronger opponents are the guys who fall.

Somogyi is a 5-11 sharpshooter from St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick, N.J. Shooting over taller opponents, he leads all scorers on the COMPLETE SPORTS 25-man all-star squad with a brilliant 40 point per game average.

He needs less than 900 points this year to break the 3,000-point mark for a four-year career. He broke former Boston College All-America John Austin's Knights of Columbus Tournament scoring records with 111 points for three games and 43 for a single contest—coming against Dwight School of New York City. He hit 16 of 31 floor shots against Dwight.

Since basketball is considered the All-America sport, COMPLETE SPORTS covers it from the "New York Island to the Redwood forests" with its five team All-America selections. And the comparison from first to fifth team is minute when it comes to statistics and past honors.

Tom Riker, considered to be America's best prep big man, heads an equally talented second team. The 6-9 star of St. Dominic's High School in Oyster Bay, N.Y., was only the second junior to ever be selected to Newsday's All-Long Island team. The first was Princeton's current star, Chris Thomford. Riker averaged nearly 25 points per game and is equally adept in the classroom.

Joining Riker on a midwest-oriented second unit are John Fraley of Middleton, Ohio; Greg Davis of Danville, Ill., Schlarmann; Ralph Simpson of Detroit, Mich., Pershing and Joby Wright, of Savannah, Ga., Johnson.

Where the first team was small, the second is the opposite. The smallest—Pershing, Davis and Fraley—stand 6-5. Wright, 6-7 and muscular, was considered Georgia's No. 1 player as a junior. Simpson scored 43 points to lead Pershing in the Michigan state tournament and is considered a superstar to replace graduated All-America Spencer Heywood.

Davis was an Illinois All-Stater with a 20 point plus per game average and a yen for defense. Fraley is called one of the best players in Middletown history. A fellow named Jerry Lucas once played there.

Illinois, which had the distinction of placing a representative on each of the top five teams, gave Tom Parker to the third unit. The 6-5 Collinsville product was an All-Stater who follows in a long line of outstanding players from the school. Joining Parker





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West is a 6-2 jack-of-all-trades from Columbia High School in Maplewood, N.J. Many believe he's the top player in New Jersey and recruiters ranging from as far away as Tommy Bartlett (Florida) and Norman Sloan (North Carolina State) to Jack Kraft (Villanova) have indicated more than a passing interest in the 24 point per game performer.

Bounds is a 6-5 product of East High School in Rochester, N.Y., who may be the best player produced in upstate New York since Pat Riley. Dunn is a 6-4 All-Stater from Glasgow, Ky., who is considered the No. 1 prospect in Kentucky. Baptiste, a muscular 6-foot-7, 225-pound All-State second teamer from Archbishop Curley in Miami, Fla., could be the Sunshine State's sequel to All-America Howard Porter.

The fourth team presents a true panorama of basketball Americana. From Tom Barao in New Bedford, Mass., to Nate Williams in Oakland, Calif., the team includes five distinct areas of the country. Barao averaged 25 points per game and was one of New England's leading scorers. Williams, another in a long list of athletic greats from McClymonds near the Pacific shore, was a 6-4 second team All-Northern California choice.

The midwest is represented by 6-7 Chris Schweer of Elmhurst, Ill., York, another 20 point plus shooter with unlimited potential. Sam Oglesby, a 6-foot-4 sleeper prospect with a 25 point per game average, is the South's selection. He's from Booker T. Washington in Columbia, S.C. The southwest features Joe Mackey, a 6-5 much heralded performer from Tucson, Ariz., Coronado.

And the fifth team has a predominantly eastern outlook. Bill Chamberlain, 6-6, from Long Island Luthern in Brookville, N.Y., Wilbert Robinson, 6-3, from Laurel Hills in Uniontown, Pa., Allen Crews, 6-7, from DuQuoin, Ill., Joe McDowell, 6-4, from Springfield, Mass., Cathedral and Henry Bacon, 6-2, from Louisville, Ky., Male. Robinson comes highly recommended by one of the country's superscouts, George Raveling of Villanova.

Psychological warfare notwithstanding, COMPLETE SPORTS' 1967-68 All-America selections have proven they can do the job—in points, rebounds and defense.

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**1.**

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# WILT vs ALCIND HOW DO THEY C

In 1957, when Wilt Chamberlain was only a sophomore at Kansas University, a national magazine presented the perplexing query to basketball fans, "Can Basketball Survive Wilt Chamberlain?"

Now, ten years later, the same magazine asks the same question of many of the same fans. They simply substituted the name "Lew Alcindor" for "Wilt Chamberlain" and the basketball world is waiting for history to repeat

by Sam Goldaper

Pete Newell knows his basketball. His credentials are the best. He turned the University of San Francisco into a national basketball power, drummed new life into the sport at the University of California before moving upstairs as athletic director and coached the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

Newell coached Bill Russell in college and directed teams which played against Wilt Chamberlain, yet he's not quite sure he has ever seen anything like Lew Alcindor.

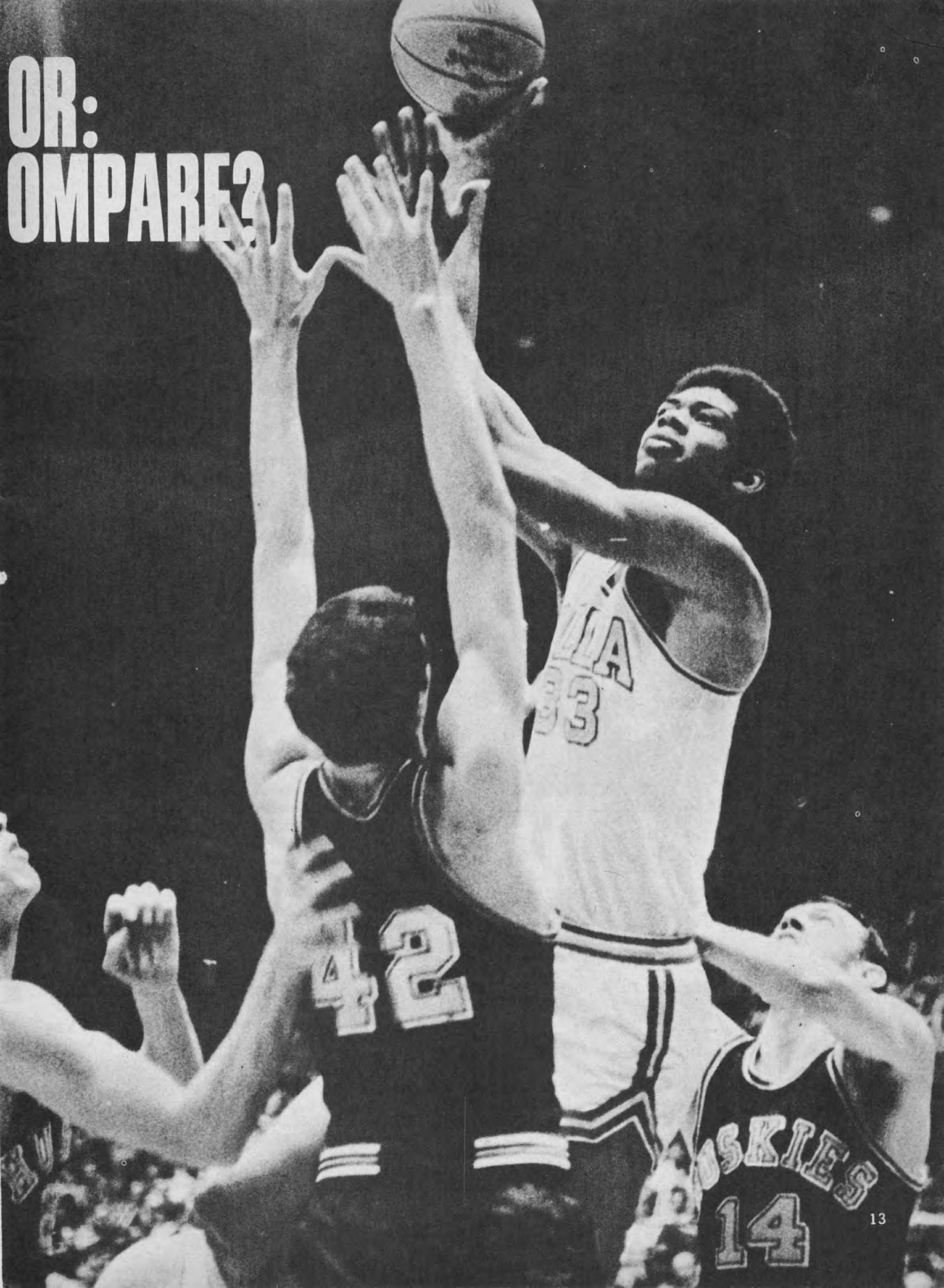
"I believe Alcindor is a better offensive threat than Chamberlain at a similar stage of their careers," Newell was saying while UCLA was bowling over the opposition enroute to the NCAA title. "He has a better shooting touch and better moves and is even a little taller. However, he's not quite as strong or powerful on the boards."

Howie Dallmar, the Stanford University basketball coach was asked, "Howie, you saw Chamberlain and Russell in college, compare them to Alcindor."

"Oh, he's more advanced than Russell. Bill didn't progress until he got to the pros," said Dellmar. "But I never saw Wilt do these kind of things around the basket. Lew bounces the ball once or twice, then goes at the basket from a dozen angles."



OR:  
OMPARE?





Although Alcindor is the hub of the U.C.L.A. team, he can pass . . . or drive to the hoop knowing that talented Bruins will follow up play.

Comparison is a sports fan's delight. This creature does not only lay his dollars down at the box office, he roots and thrives on comparing—usually the new with the old—Mickey Mantle vs. Babe Ruth or Joe Louis with Jack Dempsey or Gene Tunney.

Over-and-over, he'll argue and compare Sammy Baugh, Otto Graham, Y.A. Title, Sid Luckman and the other great football quarterbacks.

The basketball fan was the exception. He had little to compare up until three decades ago when the sport was hit by a boom—doubleheaders at Madison Square Garden. With the coming of intersectional games came the standardization of the rules and the introduction of all styles of play to all parts of the nation.

In 1943, George Mikan, the nearsighted giant who is now Commissioner of

the ABA, gave the game its first heralded big man, but there was little to compare him with. Then in 1954 and '55, a schoolboy—Norman Wilton Chamberlain—shook the basketball world. Word of his height and scoring feats at Overbrook High, Philadelphia, traveled across the nation. More than 200 colleges bid for him and when he finally chose Kansas University, there were loud cries of "foul."

With the start of Wilt's sophomore season as a Jayhawk, the "Saturday Evening Post" carried an article, "Can Basketball Survive Wilt Chamberlain?"

Wilt was starting his varsity career and people were trying to push him against the wall to see if he really was 7-1 or thereabouts, just as they attempted to make Alcindor stand still long enough last season to check if he was actually 7 feet 1 3/8 inches.

Editors apparently don't change and comparisons are undoubtedly inevitable because the same magazine 10 years later—Alcindor's sophomore season at UCLA—published an article, "Can Basketball Survive Lew Alcindor?"

One thing is certain, with the coming of Lew Alcindor the basketball fan had his first real chance for heated discussions on the merits of Lew Alcindor vs. Wilt Chamberlain, the giants of the game.

The Lew Alcindor Story is almost a remake of the Wilt Chamberlain Story, only the people and places are different. It has become difficult to mention Alcindor's name without that of Chamberlain's cropping up and visa versa.

Alcindor was first heard of as a 6-7 eighth grader at St. Jude Grammar School in the Bronx. By the time he was delivered to Power Memorial and placed in Jack Donohue's care, he was 6-10 1/2.





Alcindor, stuffing, isn't bothered by "anti-dunking" rule.



Mikan: "Alcindor is worth as much as the pros can pay."

By his sophomore year, Lew had grown to 7 feet 1/4 inch and the Wilt-Alcindor comparison was ripe for hatching, first as schoolboys, then as collegians.

Alcindor's sheltered life at Power Memorial became almost as famous as his basketball feats. The word spread all over the nation that he was off limits to college coaches, alumni, scouts, newsmen—virtually all outsiders.

Big Looie, brought along slowly by Donohue, dunked 516 points for a 19.1 average. He hit on 53 per cent of his floor shots and 66 per cent from the foul line and pulled down 444 rebounds, a norm of 16 per game.

"We will continue to build our offense around him as he develops, said Donohue at the time.

Jack did just that and by the time Lew graduated, he had established a New York City scoring record for points

(2,067) and rebounds (2,002). He was named to the All-American high school team three straight seasons.

What of Wilt Chamberlain at Overbrook High?

The authority is Sam Cozen, Chamberlain's coach, "Wilt had certain skills and lacked others," Cozen told Paul Zimmerman of the New York Post. "He was as green as grass when we got him. But he did have a pretty close-in hook and fadeaway shot. And, he was a better foul shooter in high school than he is today.

"He scored in the 20's and 30's. We had to teach him aggressiveness. He was 6-10 and in those days the biggest boy he'd face was 6-4. He also had the narrow center lanes to help him. He made All-City as a soph."

In his senior year, Roxborough High became a "cousin" to Chamberlain. He

blasted the nets for 74 points the first time he played against them and 90 the next. In three years, he led Overbrook to three league and two city championships, scoring 2,252 points to break the record of 2,222 set by Tom Gola, the former New York Knickerbocker, when Gola was with Lasalle High.

While Donohue was screening Lew's mail and acting as intermediary on college offers, Wilt remembered his scholastic days this way:

"They started hounding me in my junior year and never stopped. Seventy-seven major colleges contacted me by my count and about 125 minor ones. Sometimes it was coaches but mostly it was alumni and friends of the college.

"Comparing Lew and myself" said Chamberlain, is like comparing country life to the cold-hearted city. Lew chose the peaceful way. He was sheltered, the

pressures were kept away. I went more for hard knocks. I got around more, did more and saw more of life. No one shielded me."

"It's impossible to say which is better. What works for one doesn't necessarily work for another. End results count."

On Nov. 27, 1955, when Wilt was just in high school, it was disclosed that the National Basketball Association, in an unpreented vote, granted the then Philadelphia Warriors draft rights to Wilt four years hence.

At the time, Joe Lapchick, the Knick coach, protested with, "the league created a monster when it let Chamberlain go to Philadelphia; it was a grave error."

Lapchick feared letting Chamberlain go

to the Warriors would give Philadelphia a decided advantage over the other NBA teams and result in the loss of fan interest in the league.

NBA teams started thinking and talking about Alcindor soon after his sophomore season at Power.

J. Walter Kennedy, the NBA president, has already said that Alcindor's status will be decided one year before his college class graduates. This means he will not necessarily be open for the draft by the team which happens to be in last place in 1969.

Alcindor's pro status becomes more important now with the challenge from the new American Basketball Association.

"Alcindor is worth as much as the

pros can pay," said George Mikan, the commissioner of the new league.

Then too, there have been reports the circus-styled Harlem Globetrotters, who lured Chamberlain away from Kansas University after his junior year for an estimated \$50,000, threw a million dollar trial balloon at Alcindor last year.

The introduction of Wilt and Lew to collegiate basketball generated excitement from coast-to-coast.

When Chamberlain took the floor as a freshman in a game against the Kansas varsity, some 14,000 people came out to the normally meaningless game, including coaches from all over the country.

It didn't take the entire audience long to decide what was going to happen when

The Warriors were granted rights when Wilt was in high school.



Hank Iba was amazed by Chamberlain's defensive ability.





Chamberlain joined the varsity. The Stilt drove to the top of the keyhole (foul circle) and went up for what happened to be a one-handed jump shot but didn't come down. Instead, he floated through the air, did a complete twist and rotated like a helicopter. He wound up scoring 42 points against double-and triple teaming defenses.

Lew's turn came on Nov. 27, 1965 when he led the UCLA freshman team to a 75-60 victory over the Bruin varsity before a sellout crowd. Alcindor scored 31 points and from there went on to lead the UCLA yearlings through a 21-0 record, averaging 33 points and dominating the boards.

"He could have scored more if he was

hungry," said Johnny Wooden, the UCLA coach. "The best thing Donohue did was develop an unselfish attitude in the boy," said Wooden.

Chamberlain's greatest tribute in his sophomore season at Kansas might have come from Hank Iba, the famed Iron Duke of Oklahoma State basketball.

Watching Wilt for the first time in the Big Seven tournament, Iba said, "His ability to go after the ball on defense is his greatest asset right now. He's better defensively than offensively."

Iba was saying it at a time when Wilt was setting three tournament scoring records with 18 field goals and 45 points in a game and 93 points for the three tournament games.

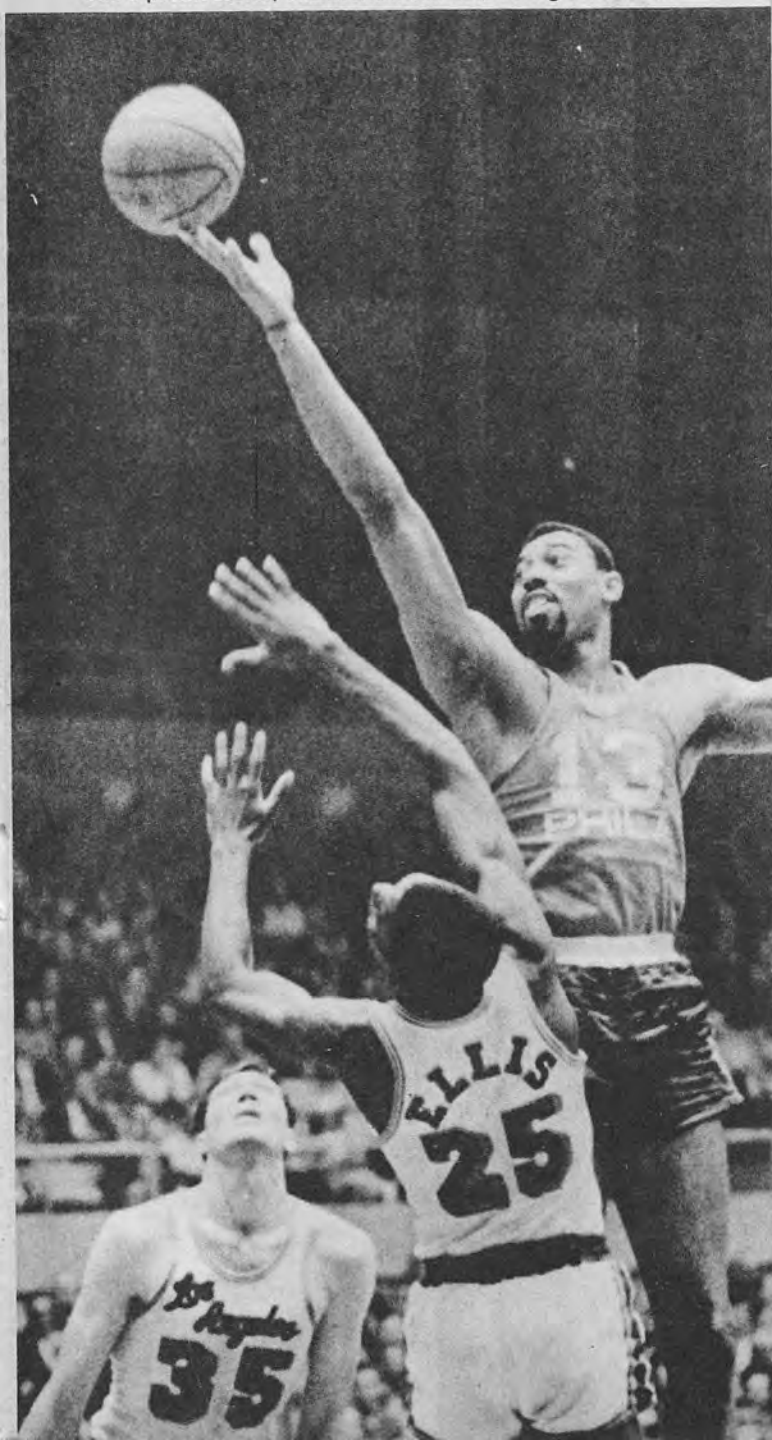
"He's farther advanced than any other player I've ever seen at his size and class," continued Iba, who fostered one of game's first giants in Bob Kurland, a two-time Olympian. "He's faster afoot than any other I've seen but like other sophomores, he has a lot to learn. But he'll make a great athlete."

In 1958, soon after North Carolina beat Kansas in the NCAA playoffs, Wilt announced in a national magazine that he was quitting college because the kind of basketball played there was, "hurting my chances of ever developing into a successful professional player."

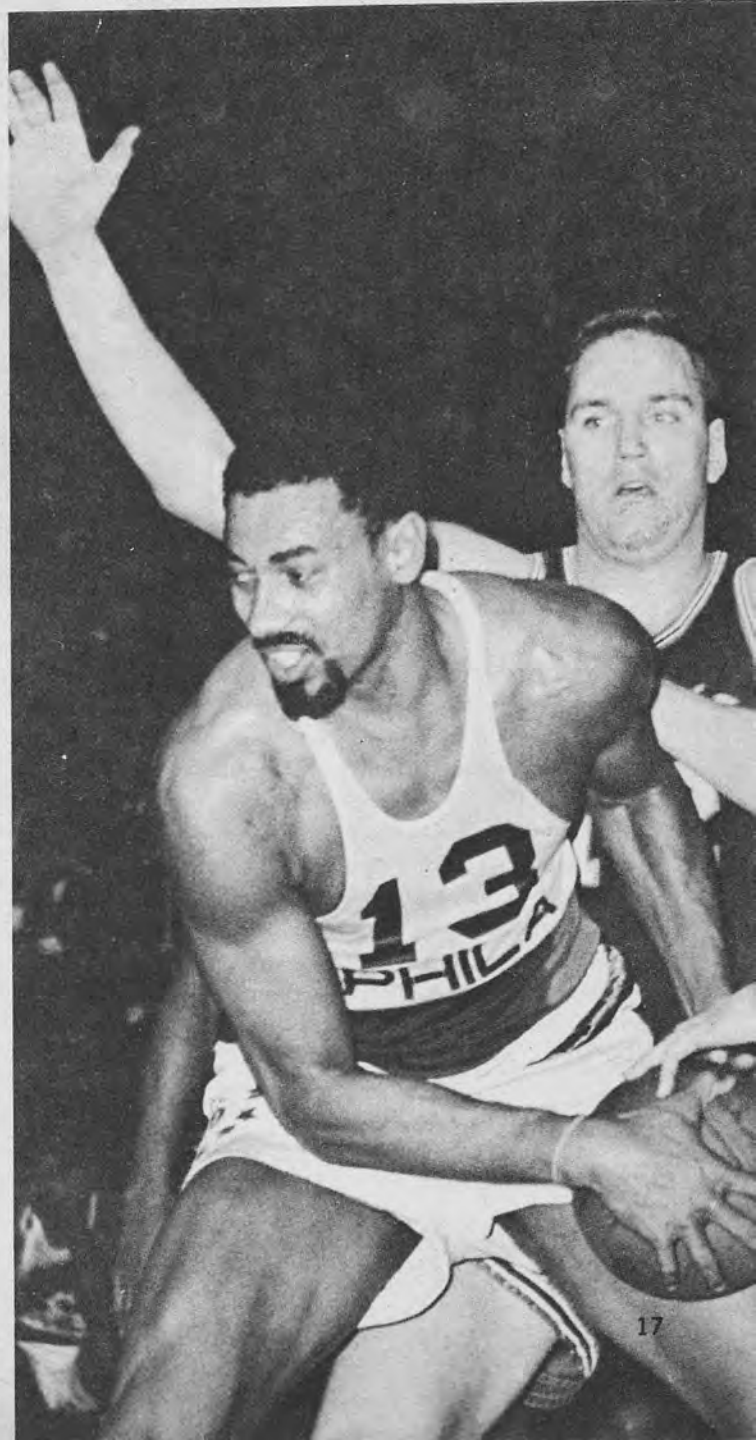
The one thing Lew achieved as a sophomore in college which eluded Cham-

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Still a potent scorer, Chamberlain can drop field goals at will.



Last year, Wilt passed more, and the 76ers won the title.



Pre season favorites to be a prime contender, they slumped to third in the Western Division, eight games off the pace of San Francisco. Former head coach, Fred Schaus, in an exclusive interview explains the shocking tumble of the Lakers...and what is in store for new coach Kolff.

# THE LAKERS: End of An Era

by Al Goldfarb

Two years ago, the Los Angeles Lakers extended the Boston Celtics to the seven game limit for the world championship, losing the finale by only two points.

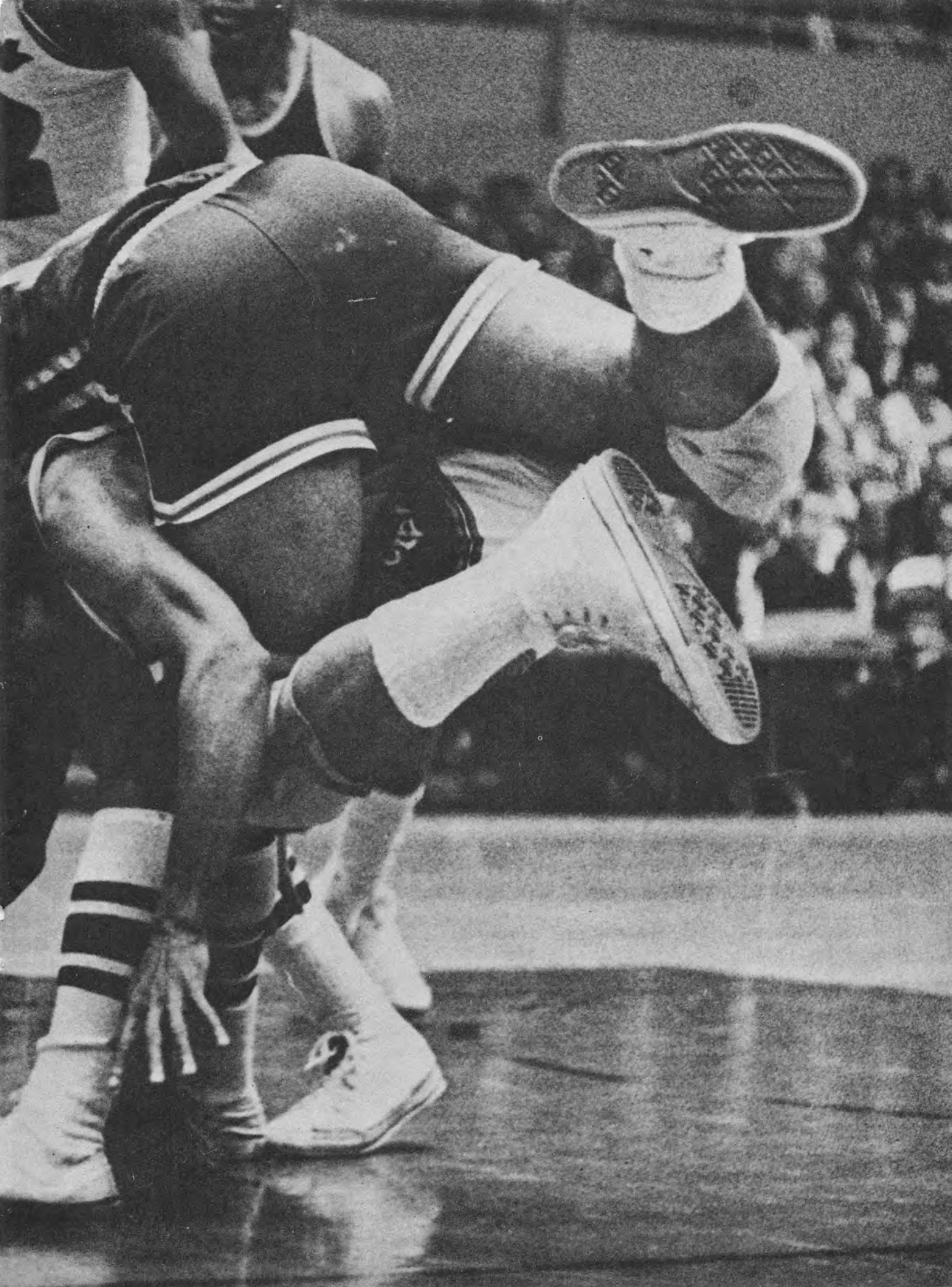
Prospects looked bright for the Lakers the following season, but then came the unexpected. The club struggled to finish third in the Western Division and were eliminated in the playoffs by San Francisco three straight.

There are many who view the 1966-67 campaign as a hard-luck season for the Lakers, one that could plague any professional team, and let it go at that.

Others, more critical, claim that the future is anything but bright for Los Angeles and insist that it is the end of









Gail Goodrich tried to take up the slack in the backcourt while West was out with injuries.

an era for the team which had won division crowns in 1962, 1963, 1965 and 1966.

Everybody, however, agrees that the Laker problem began even before the first whistle of NBA play. It came when the club lost Bob Boozer and Jim King in the stocking of the new Chicago franchise.

Few argue with the fact that expansion of the NBA was necessary and good for the league, but Laker fans believe that Boozer should have been protected in the draft.

Boozer, a high jumping forward, had contributed heavily to the scoring and defense of L.A. and was a big favorite because he was capable of giving the club a lift when he was in the lineup.

Bench strength, the key to Boston's success for so many years in the NBA, had likewise made Los Angeles a power in the West. So when they lost Boozer and King, who was an excellent backcourt man and replacement for Gail Goodrich or Walt Hazzard, the Lakers were noticeably shy in solid reserves.

Despite their loss in the draft, Laker Coach Fred Schaus (since promoted to general manager of the club) had reason to believe his team would be battling for another division title.

It wasn't long that Schaus realized the Lakers were in trouble, big trouble. Stars Jerry West and Elgin Baylor, the colorful one-two scoring punch and scourge of the league, were both injured. Jerry missed the first nine games with a painful heel injury. The club floundered and got off to a poor start from which it never recovered.

Desperate to add a strong rebounder to the club to take up the slack left with Boozer gone and Baylor sidelined, the Lakers traded 6-11 LeRoy Ellis to Baltimore for 6-8 Jim Barnes in September.

Ellis not only had improved each year as a center, but he was capable of doing a good job as a forward, too.

Barnes, who reported to the Lakers overweight at a hefty 260 pounds, weakened the club by being forced to play himself into shape. It became evident early that he was not able to complement the rest of the club as well as Ellis.

Barnes' inability to provide the needed help at center behind Darrall Imhoff led to another trade. In a three-way deal the Lakers acquired 7-foot Mel Counts and gave up veteran forward Rudy LaRusso.

When LaRusso decided to retire rather than report to Detroit, the price the Lakers paid for Counts was LaRusso as well as their first-round draft choice.

Had not Tom Hawkins, almost an after-thought purchase from Cincinnati, and Archie Clark, No. 4 draft pick, performed beyond expectations these three decisions might have been more



controversial than they were.

Schaus, never one to pull any punches, disputes the theory the Lakers have reached the end of an era.

"I've seen stories of that nature printed in the sports pages," he says, "but I don't believe it. Injuries to Jerry and Elg hurt us more than anything else. It's not an excuse, but a fact. If you took the top two players out of any club, they'd be hurting. How do you think



Rudy LaRusso's retirement demoralized team.

Philadelphia would do if Chamberlain and Greer were both sidelined with injuries?"

Last season, in addition to a heel injury, West suffered a broken nose; a broken hand; pulled hamstring in his upper right thigh; and a sprained left ankle, all of which naturally led many critics to claim he was "fragile." In addition to those injuries, he suffered a great personal loss when his father died.

Schaus claims Jerry isn't fragile at all. "The year before he played 80 games and would have played all 81 but I decided to rest him in the final game before the playoffs," says Schaus. "I think Jerry plays so hard all the time that he's everywhere on the court."

"Jerry never admitted it," Schaus said, "but I'm sure that heel injury that kept him out of the first nine games still bothered him. You don't worry about his shooting, because you know that will come around. But you could tell by his moves on the court he was not 100%. He's one of the best rebounding guards in the game, but his totals were way down."

Schaus is blunt in his description of the 66-67 campaign.

"It was a 5½-month nightmare. In my 30 years of basketball, 17 as a player and 13 as a coach, I've never seen anything like it. I've had injuries before but never to so many key people."



West and Baylor must be in top form if the Lakers are to re-emerge in the Western Division.



Willies Davis (l.) and Mays visit Baylor and West. Most other fans were loyal through the decline.

Analyzing last year's disaster further, Schaus pinpoints early season losses to Chicago and Detroit as another factor contributing to the club's problems.

"We finished eight games out of first place, even with injuries. Seven of those eight losses were to Detroit and Chicago. We won only three out of nine against those clubs. Under the circumstances, I don't think we were that far out of contention."

Despite all this, the genial Laker general manager still maintains the club could have fared better all around had Barnes reported in shape. This is the one fact that disturbs Schaus, because had Barnes been capable of stepping into the slot vacated by Ellis, the Lakers might have been considerably stronger.

"The Lakers have made some good trades in the past," says Schaus, "like swapping Dick Barnett for Boozer, but I'm the first to admit the Barnes for Ellis trade last year was a bad trade, as of this date.

"Remember," he cautioned, "the jury is still out on the San Francisco Giants trading Orlando Cepeda for pitcher Ray Sadecki. Sadecki is a young

pitcher. Like Sadecki, Barnes is only 25 years old. With his size and weight he could be a valuable asset to the club, when he's in shape. I say this in all sincerity—Barnes could have helped us last year, but he just didn't measure up to expectations."

Schaus is extremely optimistic about Barnes in 1967-68, providing, of course, he rebounds from surgery he underwent the day after last season ended.

In that final game, Barnes playing center, was the spearhead of a battling Laker team that completely outplayed the Warriors from the second half tipoff. With Baylor and Barnes sweeping the Boards, the Lakers fought from a 19-point deficit to actually regain the lead in the third quarter of the final playoff game with San Francisco.

But typical of the luck which the Lakers experienced last year, Barnes dove for a loose ball in the dying seconds of the third quarter and came up grabbing his right foot. His injury was diagnosed as a ruptured Achilles tendon and he underwent surgery.

Doctors said Barnes' tendon was severed and he was compelled to wear a

long long leg cast to his upper thigh for about five weeks, and then a short leg cast for another five weeks.

In that same final playoff game against San Francisco, West suffered a broken fourth metacarpal on his left hand which was so badly fractured that it had to be put together with a bone pin after surgery. West, who was making his first appearance in the abbreviated playoffs, played only 56 seconds before the injury which resulted when whacked by Jeff Mullins while pulling in a rebound.

Thus, the bitter, frustrating season for the Lakers ended on the same sour note it had started—with an injury to West, the key man on the club.

"Barnes can really help us this year," continued Schaus. "Instead of reporting at 260, he'll come in at about 225 or 230 and should have greater strength and speed. He's going to be much improved because we know he'll be in shape."

The Lakers have a great deal of faith not only in Barnes but also in Counts and Clark.

Counts, the giant center who spelled Imhoff at the pivot post, worked on weights and agility exercises in the off-season. This is the first time in his career he has worked so diligently toward improving himself, and Schaus believes the extended training period will be beneficial.

Clark was the real find and, of the new talent on the club, was the only one who played up to NBA standards. With a year of experience behind him, he should be an effective backcourt threat along with West and Goodrich. The fourth guard post, conceivably, could be won by John Wetzel, 6-4, who suffered a broken wrist in training camp last year and missed the entire season. Wetzel, who played college ball at VPI, had the club made until his unfortunate injury in training camp.

The Lakers lost guard Walt Hazzard in the stocking of the new Seattle franchise, which caused Schaus to make this observation:

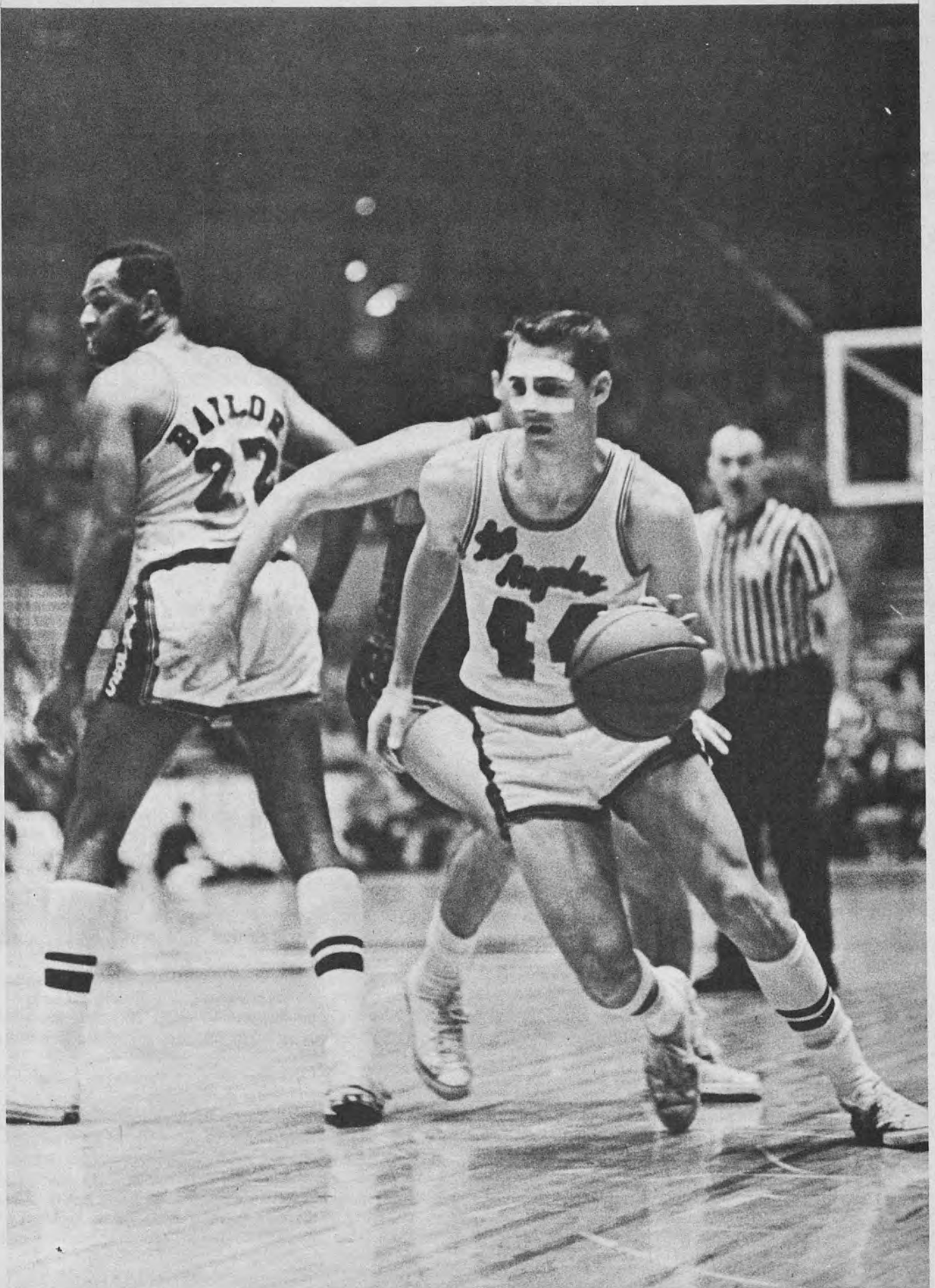
"When you lose a player of Hazzard's ability, it's a loss. He has to play a lot and control the ball to be an effective player. On our club, with Jerry and Elg in the lineup, he couldn't do this. He'll get a great opportunity with Seattle and I am sure he will do well."

Schaus was resigned to the fact that the expansion draft would virtually wipe out his bench for the second straight year, which it did. Forward John Block and center Henry Finkel, seldom-used rookies, were picked up by San Diego. The departure of Block, 6-9 former USC star, left the Lakers with no forward taller than 6-5.

"I think the draft is a break for each

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Last season, West suffered a broken nose, broken hand, pulled hamstring muscle, sprained ankle and heel injury, but still played 70 games.

# NBA PLAYER RATINGS

By Nat Broudy

(Editor's Note: The originator of this rating system has been a veteran basketball observer for over 25 years. He has seen all the great ones from the birth of professional basketball until now. His observations are well respected in basketball circles.)

## PERFORMANCE RATINGS

Points		Total
4	Excellent	17-20
3	Good	13-16
2	Fair	10-12
1	Adequate	5-9

PRO BASKETBALL ILLUSTRATED, this publication's sister magazine, went on record as stating: "Oscar Robertson is the perfect player. Jerry West is closest to Robertson." These ratings bear out that opinion. Out of a possible 20 points, the "Big O" hit a perfect 20, with West second with 19. Thus, a hairline of difference separates these two superguards, who do more with a basketball than the Chamberlain's, Russell's and Barry's.

The greatness of Robertson and West is evident under normal basketball situations. Both are no-miss shooters, drivers, and team players. But the brilliance of Oz and Jerry is magnified in adversity. They demonstrated their dominance last year in different ways:

West, out with a series of injuries, saw the Lakers falter in his absence. The Lakers, considered the best in the West with West, were anything but that without Jerry. When their backcourt ace did return to the lineup after missing 20 games, the Lakers were able to overtake Detroit and Chicago, and make the post-season playoffs. Jerry West was missed immeasurably; the Lakers weren't the same without him.

Robertson played the opposite role, with superstar Jerry Lucas disabled early last season. Oscar was forced to run the Royals with his most talented teammate on the bench, and to withstand sagging defenses that were able to concentrate on number 14 called for Superman. And if you note that the Royals' uniforms and Clark Kent's garb are similar, you might be led to believe that Mr. Robertson and Mr. Kent are one and the same. Oscar was spectacular.

Height? Size? Heft? Look what two guards can do.





# CENTERS

**WILT CHAMBERLAIN**  
PHILADELPHIA

Shooting	4
Foul Shooting	.5
Rebounding	4
Passing	4
Defense	4
Total	16.5



**BILL RUSSELL**  
BOSTON

Shooting	2
Foul Shooting	2
Rebounding	4
Passing	4
Defense	4
Total	16



**NATE THURMOND**  
SAN FRANCISCO

Shooting	2
Foul Shooting	2.5
Rebounding	4
Passing	3
Defense	4
Total	15.5



**WALT BELLAMY**  
NEW YORK

Shooting	4
Foul Shooting	2.5
Rebounding	3
Passing	2.5
Defense	3
Total	15.0



**ZELMO BEATY**  
ST. LOUIS

Shooting	3
Foul Shooting	3.5
Rebounding	3
Passing	2.5
Defense	3
Total	15.0



**DARRALL IMHOFF**  
LOS ANGELES

Shooting	3
Foul Shooting	1.5
Rebounding	3
Passing	3
Defense	3
Total	13.5



**ERWIN MUELLER**  
CHICAGO

Shooting	2.5
Foul Shooting	2.5
Rebounding	2.5
Passing	2.5
Defense	2.5
Total	12.5



**LeROY ELLIS**  
BALTIMORE

Shooting	2.5
Foul Shooting	3
Rebounding	2.5
Passing	2
Defense	2
Total	12.0



**CONNIE DIERKING**  
CINCINNATI

Shooting	1.5
Foul Shooting	3.5
Rebounding	2
Passing	2
Defense	2
Total	11.0



**JOE STRAWDER**  
DETROIT

Shooting	2
Foul Shooting	3
Rebounding	1.5
Passing	1.5
Defense	1.5
Total	9.5



**WAYNE EMBRY**  
BOSTON

Shooting	1.5
Foul Shooting	1.5
Rebounding	2
Passing	2
Defense	2.5
Total	9.5



**JIM WASHINGTON**  
CHICAGO

Shooting	1.5
Foul Shooting	1
Rebounding	2.5
Passing	2
Defense	1.5
Total	8.5



**REGGIE HARDING**  
DETROIT

Shooting	2
Foul Shooting	2
Rebounding	2
Passing	1
Defense	1.5
Total	8.5



# FORWARDS

**RICK BARRY**  
SAN FRANCISCO  
Shooting 3.5  
Foul Shooting 4  
Rebounding 3  
Passing 3.5  
Defense 3  
Total 17.0



**JERRY LUCAS**  
CINCINNATI  
Shooting 3.5  
Foul Shooting 3.5  
Rebounding 4  
Passing 3  
Defense 3  
Total 17.0



**JOHN HAVLICEK**  
BOSTON  
Shooting 3  
Foul Shooting 4  
Rebounding 3  
Passing 3  
Defense 3.5  
Total 16.5



**WILLIS REED**  
NEW YORK  
Shooting 4  
Foul Shooting 3  
Rebounding 3.5  
Passing 2.5  
Defense 3  
Total 16.0



**ELGIN BAYLOR**  
LOS ANGELES  
Shooting 2.5  
Foul Shooting 4  
Rebounding 3.5  
Passing 3  
Defense 3  
Total 16.0



**DAVE DEBUSSCHERE**  
DETROIT  
Shooting 2.5  
Foul Shooting 3  
Rebounding 3.5  
Passing 3.5  
Defense 3.5  
Total 16.0



**GUS JOHNSON**  
BALTIMORE  
Shooting 3  
Foul Shooting 3  
Rebounding 3.5  
Passing 3  
Defense 3  
Total 15.5



**BILL BRIDGES**  
ST. LOUIS  
Shooting 3  
Foul Shooting 3  
Rebounding 3.5  
Passing 3  
Defense 3  
Total 15.5



**CHET WALKER**  
PHILADELPHIA  
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Foul Shooting 3.5  
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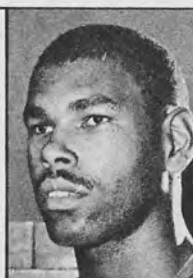
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Rebounding 3.5  
Passing 2.5  
Defense 3  
Total 15.0



**DICK VAN ARSDALE**  
NEW YORK  
Shooting 3  
Foul Shooting 3  
Rebounding 2.5  
Passing 2.5  
Defense 3.5  
Total 14.5



**RAY SCOTT**  
BALTIMORE  
Shooting 2.5  
Foul Shooting 3  
Rebounding 3  
Passing 2.5  
Defense 3  
Total 14.0



**BILL CUNNINGHAM**  
PHILADELPHIA  
Shooting 3  
Foul Shooting 3  
Rebounding 3  
Passing 2.5  
Defense 2.5  
Total 14.0



**TOM SANDERS**  
BOSTON  
Shooting 2.5  
Foul Shooting 4  
Rebounding 2.5  
Passing 2  
Defense 3  
Total 14.0



**BOB BOOZER**  
CHICAGO  
Shooting 3.5  
Foul Shooting 3.5  
Rebounding 2.5  
Passing 2  
Defense 2.5  
Total 14.0




**LOU HUDSON**  
ST. LOUIS  
Shooting 3.5  
Foul Shooting 3.5  
Rebounding 2.5  
Passing 2.0  
Defense 2.5  
Total 13.5






<b>BAILEY HOWELL</b> <b>BOSTON</b>	
Shooting	3.5
Foul Shooting	3.5
Rebounding	2.5
Passing	2
Defense	2
Total	13.5




<b>HAPPY HAIRSTON</b> <b>CINCINNATI</b>	
Shooting	3.5
Foul Shooting	2.5
Rebounding	2.5
Passing	2
Defense	2.5
Total	13.0



<b>JOHN TRESVANT</b> <b>DETROIT</b>	
Shooting	2.5
Foul Shooting	3
Rebounding	3
Passing	2
Defense	2.5
Total	13.0



<b>TOM MESCHERY</b> <b>SEATTLE</b>	
Shooting	2
Foul Shooting	3
Rebounding	3
Passing	2
Defense	3
Total	13.0




<b>DON NELSON</b> <b>BOSTON</b>	
Shooting	2.5
Foul Shooting	3.5
Rebounding	2.5
Passing	2
Defense	2.5
Total	13.0




<b>FRED HETZEL</b> <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	
Shooting	1.5
Foul Shooting	4
Rebounding	2.5
Passing	2
Defense	2.5
Total	12.5




<b>JOE CALDWELL</b> <b>ST. LOUIS</b>	
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Foul Shooting	2.5
Rebounding	3
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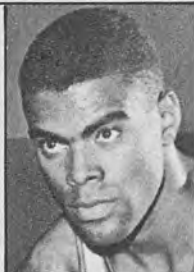
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Passing	2
Defense	2
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<b>JACK MARIN</b> <b>BALTIMORE</b>	
Shooting	2.5
Foul Shooting	3.5
Rebounding	2
Passing	2
Defense	2
Total	12.0



<b>TOM HAWKINS</b> <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	
Shooting	3
Foul Shooting	0.5
Rebounding	3
Passing	2
Defense	3
Total	11.5




<b>DON KOJIS</b>	
Shooting	2
Foul Shooting	2.5
Rebounding	2.5
Passing	2
Defense	2.5
Total	11.5




<b>JON MCGLOCKLIN</b> <b>SAN DIEGO</b>	
Shooting	2.5
Foul Shooting	3
Rebounding	2
Passing	1.5
Defense	2.5
Total	11.5




<b>McCOY McLEMORE</b> <b>CHICAGO</b>	
Shooting	1
Foul Shooting	3.5
Rebounding	2.5
Passing	2
Defense	2
Total	11.0




<b>JERRY CHAMBERS</b> <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	
Shooting	2.5
Foul Shooting	3
Rebounding	2
Passing	1.5
Defense	2
Total	11.0




<b>DAVE GAMBEE</b> <b>SAN DIEGO</b>	
Shooting	2
Foul Shooting	4
Rebounding	1.5
Passing	1.5
Defense	1.5
Total	10.5




<b>PAUL SILAS</b> <b>ST. LOUIS</b>	
Shooting	2
Foul Shooting	1.5
Rebounding	2.5
Passing	1.5
Defense	2.5
Total	10.0



<b>JOHN GREEN</b> <b>SAN DIEGO</b>	
Shooting	2.5
Foul Shooting	0.5
Rebounding	3
Passing	1.5
Defense	2.5
Total	10.0



<b>LEN CHAPPELL</b> <b>CINCINNATI</b>	
Shooting	2
Foul Shooting	2.5
Rebounding	2
Passing	1.5
Defense	2
Total	10.0



# GUARDS

**OSCAR ROBERTSON**  
CINCINNATI  
Shooting 4  
Foul Shooting 4  
Driving 4  
Playmaker 4  
Defense —  
Total 20



**JERRY WEST**  
LOS ANGELES  
Shooting 4  
Foul Shooting 4  
Driving 4  
Playmaker 3.5  
Defense 3.5  
Total 19.0



**LEN WILKENS**  
ST. LOUIS  
Shooting 3  
Foul Shooting 3.5  
Driving 3.5  
Playmaker 3.5  
Defense 3.5  
Total 17.0



**HAL GREER**  
PHILADELPHIA  
Shooting 3.5  
Foul Shooting 3.5  
Driving 3.5  
Playmaker 3  
Defense 3  
Total 16.5



10-3  
18-14  
28-17  
43-33  
34  
74  
45  
46  
47  
**GUY RODGERS**  
CHICAGO  
Shooting 2  
Foul Shooting 4  
Driving 3  
Playmaker 4  
Defense 3  
Total 16.0



**SAM JONES**  
BOSTON  
Shooting 3.5  
Foul Shooting 4  
Driving 3  
Playmaker 2.5  
Defense 2.5  
Total 15.5



**DAVE BING**  
DETROIT  
Shooting 3  
Foul Shooting 3  
Driving 3  
Playmaker 3.5  
Defense 2.5  
Total 15.0



**DICK BARNETT**  
NEW YORK  
Shooting 4  
Foul Shooting 3.5  
Driving 2.5  
Playmaker 2  
Defense 2.5  
Total 14.5



**DON OHL**  
BALTIMORE  
Shooting 3  
Foul Shooting 3.5  
Driving 3  
Playmaker 2.5  
Defense 2.5  
Total 14.5



**HOWARD KOMIVES**  
NEW YORK  
Shooting 1.5  
Foul Shooting 4  
Driving 2.5  
Playmaker 3  
Defense 3  
Total 14.0



**ADRIAN SMITH**  
CINCINNATI  
Shooting 3  
Foul Shooting 4  
Driving 2  
Playmaker 2.5  
Defense 2.5  
Total 14.0



**WALLY JONES**  
PHILADELPHIA  
Shooting 2.5  
Foul Shooting 4  
Driving 2.5  
Playmaker 3  
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Total 14.0



**LARRY SIEGFRIED**  
BOSTON  
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Foul Shooting 4  
Driving 2.5  
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**JERRY SLOAN**  
CHICAGO  
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**JEFF MULLINS**  
SAN FRANCISCO  
Shooting 3  
Foul Shooting 3  
Driving 3  
Playmaker 2.5  
Defense 2.5  
Total 14.0





**EDDIE MILES**  
DETROIT  
Shooting 2.5  
Foul Shooting 3.5  
Driving 3  
Playmaker 2.5  
Defense 2.5  
Total 14.0







<b>ARCHIE CLARK</b> <b>LOS ANGELES</b>		
Shooting	3	
Foul Shooting	3	
Driving	2.5	
Playmaker	2.5	
Defense	2.5	
Total	13.5	


<b>KEVIN LOUGHERY</b> <b>BALTIMORE</b>		
Shooting	2	
Foul Shooting	4	
Driving	2.5	
Playmaker	2.5	
Defense	2.5	
Total	13.5	


<b>LARRY COSTELLO</b> <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>		
Shooting	2.5	
Foul Shooting	4	
Driving	2	
Playmaker	2.5	
Defense	2.5	
Total	13.5	


<b>PAUL NEUMANN</b> <b>SAN DIEGO</b>		
Shooting	2.5	
Foul Shooting	4	
Driving	2	
Playmaker	2.5	
Defense	2.5	
Total	13.5	


<b>JIM KING</b> <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>		
Shooting	2.5	
Foul Shooting	3.5	
Driving	2.5	
Playmaker	2.5	
Defense	2.5	
Total	13.5	


<b>JOHN EGAN</b> <b>BALTIMORE</b>		
Shooting	2.5	
Foul Shooting	4	
Driving	2	
Playmaker	2.5	
Defense	2.5	
Total	13.5	


<b>AL ATTLES</b> <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>		
Shooting	2.5	
Foul Shooting	2	
Driving	3.5	
Playmaker	2.5	
Defense	3	
Total	13.5	


<b>CAZZIE RUSSELL</b> <b>NEW YORK</b>		
Shooting	2.5	
Foul Shooting	3.5	
Driving	2.5	
Playmaker	3	
Defense	1.5	
Total	13.0	


<b>GAIL GOODRICH</b> <b>LOS ANGELES</b>		
Shooting	2.5	
Foul Shooting	3.5	
Driving	2.5	
Playmaker	2.5	
Defense	2	
Total	13.0	


<b>TOM VAN ARSDALE</b> <b>DETROIT</b>		
Shooting	2	
Foul Shooting	3.5	
Driving	2.5	
Playmaker	2	
Defense	2.5	
Total	12.5	


<b>WALT HAZZARD</b> <b>SEATTLE</b>		
Shooting	2.5	
Foul Shooting	3	
Driving	2	
Playmaker	3	
Defense	2	
Total	12.5	


<b>EM. BRYANT</b> <b>NEW YORK</b>		
Shooting	2	
Foul Shooting	2.5	
Driving	2.5	
Playmaker	2.5	
Defense	2.5	
TOTAL	12.0	


<b>ROD THORN</b> <b>SEATTLE</b>		
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Foul Shooting	3	
Driving	2	
Playmaker	2	
Defense	2	
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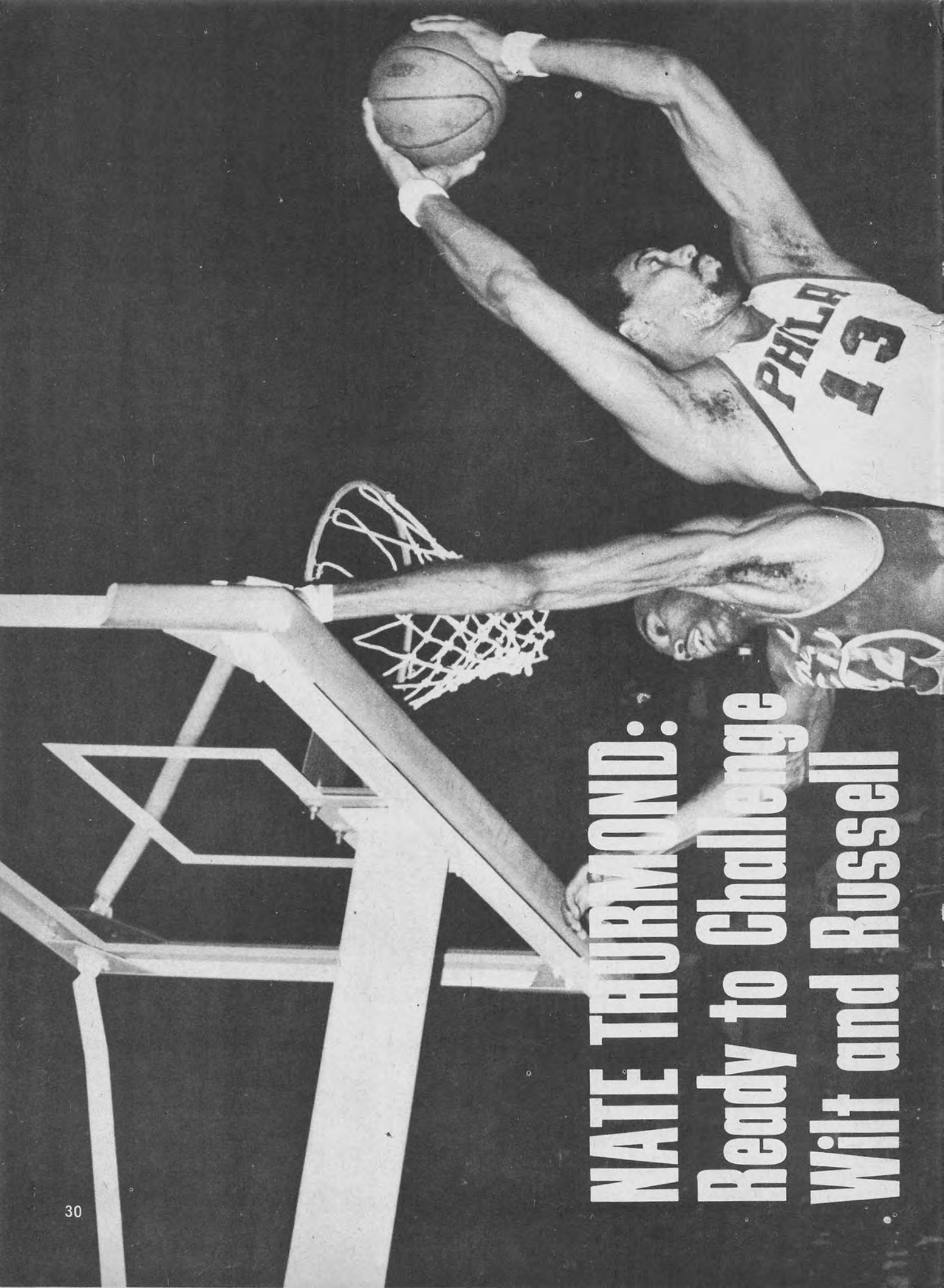
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Foul Shooting	3.5	
Driving	2	
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Defense	1.5	
Total	11.5	

<b>MATT GOUKAS</b> <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>		
Shooting	1.5	
Foul Shooting	2	
Driving	2	
Playmaker	3	
Defense	2.5	
Total	11.0	

<b>DICK SNYDER</b> <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		
Shooting	2	
Foul Shooting	3.5	
Driving	2	
Playmaker	1.5	
Defense	2	
Total	11.0	

<b>JOHN BARNHILL</b> <b>SAN DIEGO</b>		
Shooting	2	
Foul Shooting	1.5	
Driving	2	
Playmaker	2.5	
Defense	2	
Total	10.0	

<b>GERRY WARD</b> <b>SAN DIEGO</b>		
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Driving	1.5	
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Defense	3	
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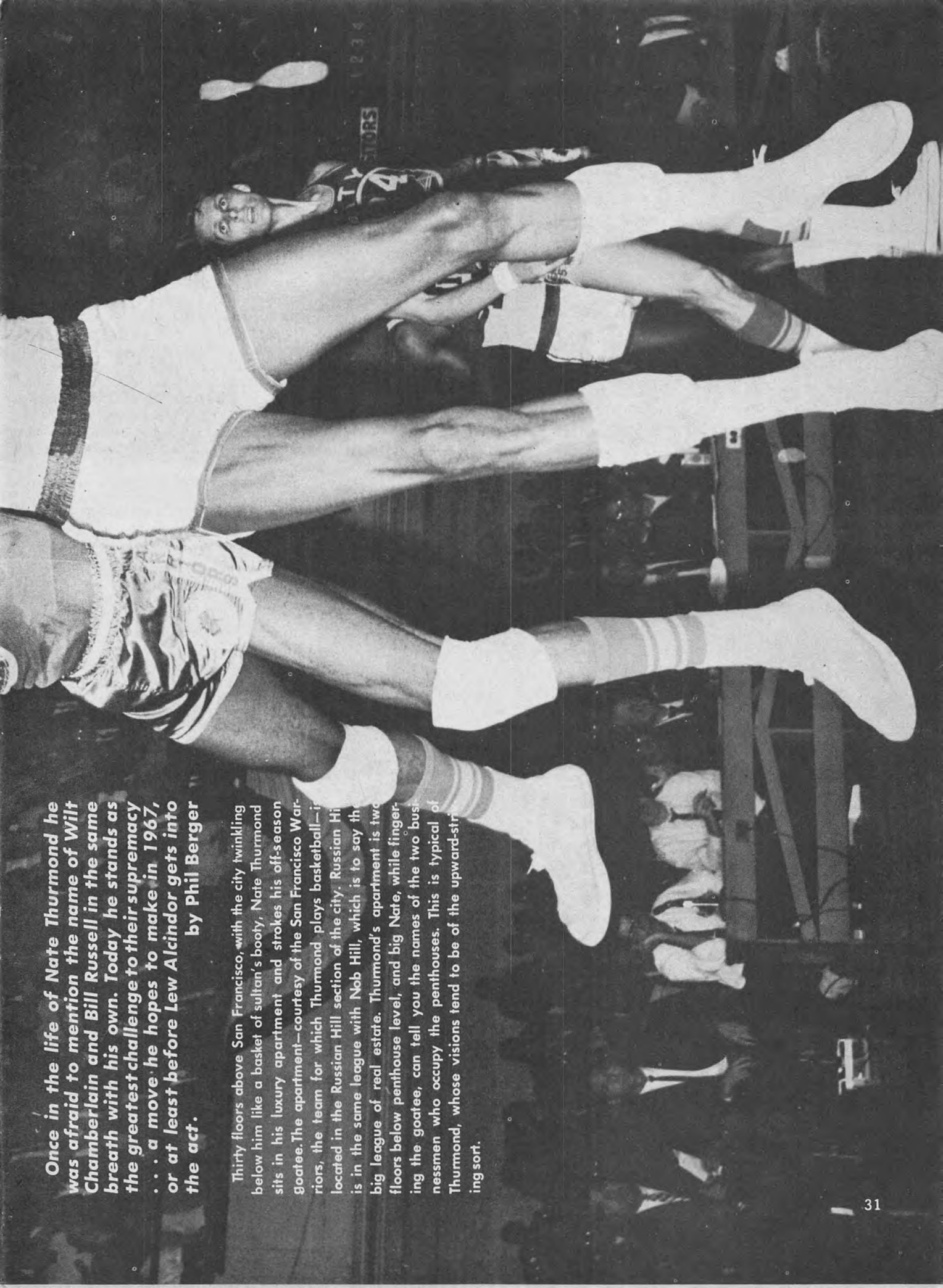
# **NATE THURMOND:** **Ready to Challenge** **Wilt and Russell**

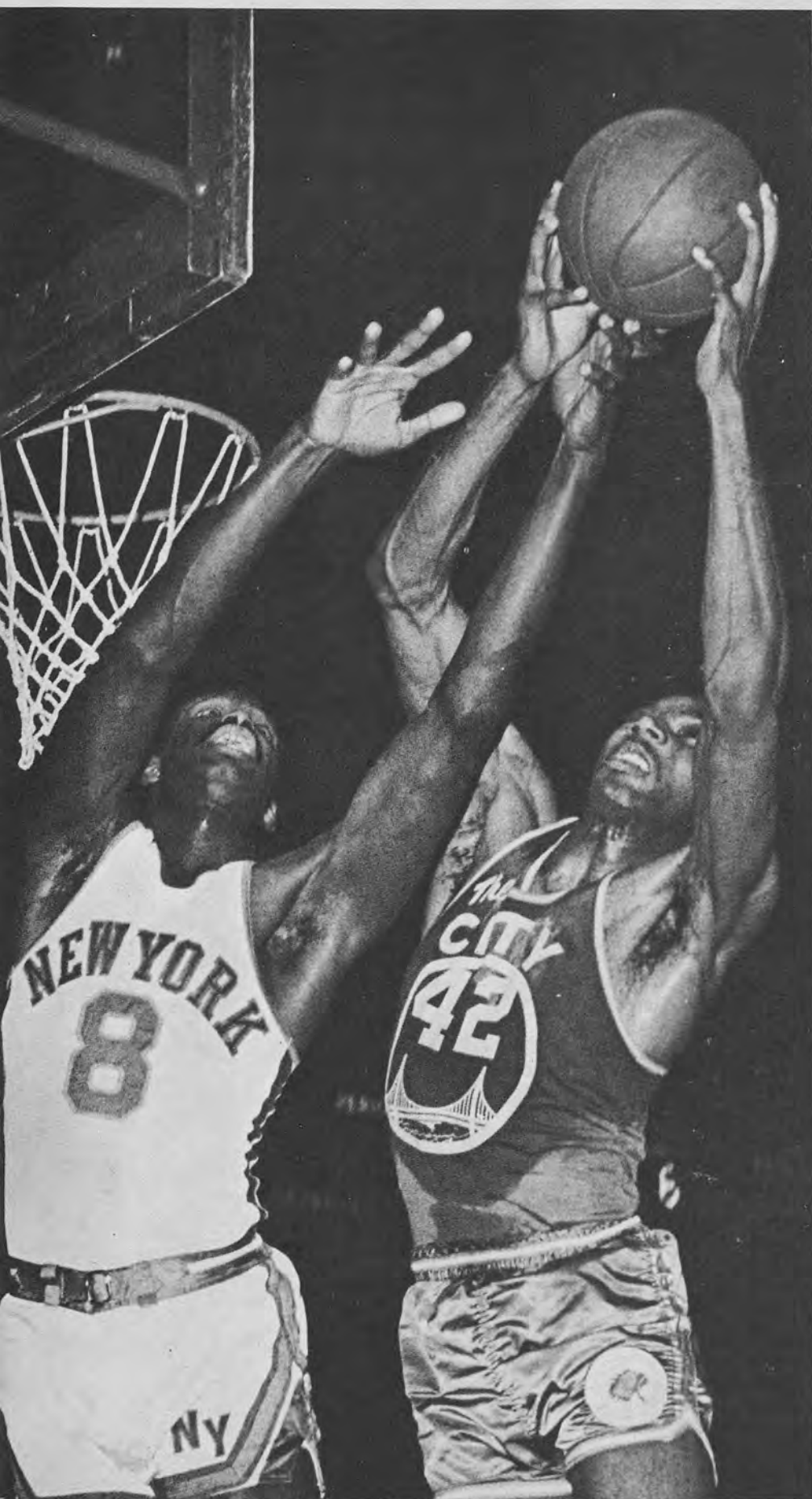


Once in the life of Nate Thurmond he was afraid to mention the name of Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell in the same breath with his own. Today he stands as the greatest challenge to their supremacy . . . a move he hopes to make in 1967, or at least before Lew Alcindor gets into the act.

by Phil Berger

Thirty floors above San Francisco, with the city twinkling below him like a basket of sultan's booty, Nate Thurmond sits in his luxury apartment and strokes his off-season goat. The apartment—courtesy of the San Francisco Warriors, the team for which Thurmond plays basketball—is located in the Russian Hill section of the city. Russian Hill is in the same league with Nob Hill, which is to say the big league of real estate. Thurmond's apartment is two floors below penthouse level, and big Nate, while fingering the goat, can tell you the names of the two businessmen who occupy the penthouses. This is typical of Thurmond, whose visions tend to be of the upward-striding sort.





Thurmond: "I think I'm the best center in the N.B.A. outside of Wilt and Russ."

There is, for instance, Nate's most immediate vision, one that he has been working toward in his four seasons in the NBA. "I want to be remembered as the best all-round center in pro basketball," he says, and where once that might have seemed improbable, it no longer does; that is how good Thurmond has become.

For it to happen this year, for Thurmond to be recognized as the best center in pro basketball, he will have to outplay Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain. They still work from the pivot and remain to the public the Hertz and Avis of NBA big men. Fortunately for Thurmond, R&C will not be the best much longer, perhaps not even through this season. Russell's skills are fading, and the holding game he is playing with time has become more difficult with the burden of coaching the Celtics. Chamberlain is still a magnificent basketball specimen and he finally has the glow of a champion but that may work against him from now on. Without further motivating spurs, the moody Chamberlain is not apt to improve.

That leaves Thurmond as the most likely challenger to the big men, a fact which Nate readily acknowledges. "I think now," he says, "I've erased the doubts that I'm the best center in the NBA outside of Wilt and Russ." True enough, but is Thurmond good enough to challenge Russell and Chamberlain right now?

It seems so. The 6-11, 230-pound Warrior has been improving with each NBA season, and is now the *heir apparent* to Russell as the league's defensive nemesis. Says Chamberlain: "Thurmond has the quickness to block shots. You have to respect those long arms of his. Like Russell, he's very defense-conscious. He has the stamina to be tough defensively for a full ball game. That's what they're paying him for."

Not entirely. Thurmond is plenty tough with the ball, too. When he first came into the league, he did not go to the hoop with quite enough fierceness, but this has since been corrected. Now he can hit both away from the basket and in close to it. In four seasons, he has averaged 14.4 points per game and, with the present Warrior lineup decimated by NBA expansion, ABA intrusion and natural attrition (losses: Rick Barry, Tom Meschery, Clyde Lee and Paul Neumann) he is bound to do even more scoring in '67-68. The combination of factors—Thurmond's maturity and the decline of R&C and SF—may very well make Nate tops among the pivot-men in the NBA.

If so, it will be gratifying for Thurmond. "It took an awful long time for reporters to even consider me a threat to Wilt and Russ," he says. "I'm only



now beginning to get some attention." The 26-year-old Thurmond doesn't begrudge Russell and Chamberlain their fame. "I don't hold it against them," he says. "It's simply made me strive to do better."

Thurmond, however, is not totally without recognition. One man who appreciates him is Warrior owner Franklin Mieuli. When his star forward, Rick Barry, switched to the ABA Oakland Oaks, Mieuli told newsmen: "It's a crippling blow to the Warriors, but Nate still is the big factor for the Warriors' winning." Considering the moderate tone of Mieuli's other statements after Barry's move, his praise for Thurmond was not simply a case of sour grapes. It was considered and valid praise. In '66-67, Thurmond did make the Warriors go. He scored (18.7), rebounded (21.2), played defense and set screens for other Warrior shooters, most notably Barry. These skills helped the Warriors' win the Western Division title, and very nearly the whole ball of wax.

No wonder, then, that Nate has been able to convert Mieuli's praise into ever-loving upward-striving dollars. This year, San Francisco will pay him an estimated \$100,000, which puts Thurmond within range of Russell (\$125,000) and Chamberlain (\$115,000) at the bargaining table.

While money is a sweet consideration in Nate Thurmond's life, he is as concerned about getting the recognition that has eluded him for most of the past four seasons. This is the main reason that Thurmond did not allow himself to be enticed by ABA currency. Thurmond admits that Oakland offered him between \$415,000 and \$500,000 to sign plus considerable fringe benefits. "It was pretty tempting," he admits, "but I worked so hard to gain recognition among the giants of this league that I didn't want to give it up for a league where there were no challenges."

Chamberlain and Russell, even at this stage, are challenge enough for any man. Thurmond thrives on *mano-a-mano* competition with them. "I think I play harder against Russ and Wilt because it is the only way I can earn a solid reputation. All the centers in the NBA are good, but these are the big names. You know against Boston and Philly, two guys with beards are going to make it tough for you."

The two guys with beards make it tough for Thurmond, but Nate meets the challenge. Against Boston last year, he averaged 18.7 ppg and 21.3 rebounds. "I do pretty well against Boston," he says. "Russell's timing is the best in the league, but he doesn't jump as high as me. I'm taller than Bill Russell, and I can shoot my jump hook in close against him. Russ is such a dedicated guy, helping out the other Celts on defense,



Former teammate Barry feels that Nate was the most valuable Warrior over the last two years.

that it sometimes works to my advantage. I'll float back and get the 15-foot jumpers."

In the playoffs last year, Thurmond averaged 17.0 ppg and 20.6 rebounds. "I try to take Wilt outside. It's extremely difficult to get a shot off him in close. The man is big."

Defensively, Thurmond's task is just as difficult. "Against Wilt," he says, "It's a matter of keeping yourself in position to keep him as far away from the basket as possible. I don't block his shots, I just try to make it a little

San Francisco because of the ladies. Yes, Wilt knows a few in this city. He once played here, remember? . . . He doesn't say much, just laughs.

"A lot of times Bill Russell will spurt downcourt for lead passes for layups. I'll say, 'I didn't know you're that fast.' And he'll say, 'I'm getting old.' He's always saying how old he is, and he still plays great ball."

So does Thurmond. He is pushing both Russell and Chamberlain now. The irony of it is that not so long ago Nate would

consider that he just might belong with people like Chamberlain and Russell. "One night," he says, "a scout from the Chicago Zephyrs (the forerunner of the Baltimore Bullets) called me. Somehow he thought I was a senior, and he wanted to know if I was interested in pro basketball. Even though I was a sophomore, I went along with him. I wanted to find out how much money this guy thought I was worth. He quoted \$14-16,000 . . . and that's when I got to thinking about playing pro ball.

"To a college ballplayer, that money is like being a wealthy man. I'm sure I must have told everyone on campus . . . Oh, the scout? The next time he called I told him I was a sophomore."

With his vision now clearly in mind, Thurmond set out to make himself pro material. Although he averaged under 20 points a game for coach Harold Anderson at Bowling Green, he rebounded and played defense well enough to be the Warriors No. 1 choice in the 1963 NBA draft.

Thurmond's rookie year was full of discouragements. "I'll never forget my first exhibition game. It was in Hawaii against Philadelphia. Even though we had Wilt that year at center, they let me play that game against Johnny Kerr. He had a beautiful hook and kept me on his hip and hooked all night. And I couldn't score against him. I knew he was no good on defense, but I still couldn't score. It was some start."

With Wilt established in the pivot, Thurmond was shifted to forward where he played 20-25 minutes a game his rookie year, and without great distinction (7 ppg and 10 rebounds). The pros even punctured his reputation as a defensive specialist.

"I remember the playoffs that year," Thurmond says. "I guarded (Tommy) Heinsohn when he played for Boston. In one game he scored on five or six hooks in a row coming across the key. I'd come in with a reputation as a good defensive player and they were playing through me . . . like I was a weak sister."

Things got better in Thurmond's sophomore year: the Warriors traded Chamberlain in mid-season. The trade freed Thurmond from forward for full-time duties at center. At forward that second year, Nate averaged 16 ppg and 18 rebounds and (after Wilt left) 22ppg and 22 rebounds at center. On defense, he began to establish a reputation for blocking shots.

In his first year as a pro pivotman, Thurmond learned to move toward the basket on his shots. Alex Hannum, the Warrior coach, made sure of that. "Alex Hannum," Nate says, "was a guy who could really inspire me. I can remember

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When the Warriors traded Chamberlain to Philly, Nate was given the starting role in the pivot.

tougher for Wilt. What it comes down to is a battle of strength.

"I play Russ differently. Since he doesn't shoot as much as Wilt does, I try to help my teammates more, I try to drop off and pick up loose men."

Although Thurmond plays hard against Russell and Chamberlain, he considers both of them good friends. "Sure," he says, "we even joke sometimes on the court. I tell Wilt . . . you know . . . like 'nice shot big fellow.' And I'll always tell Wilt he plays harder in San

have steered clear of them.

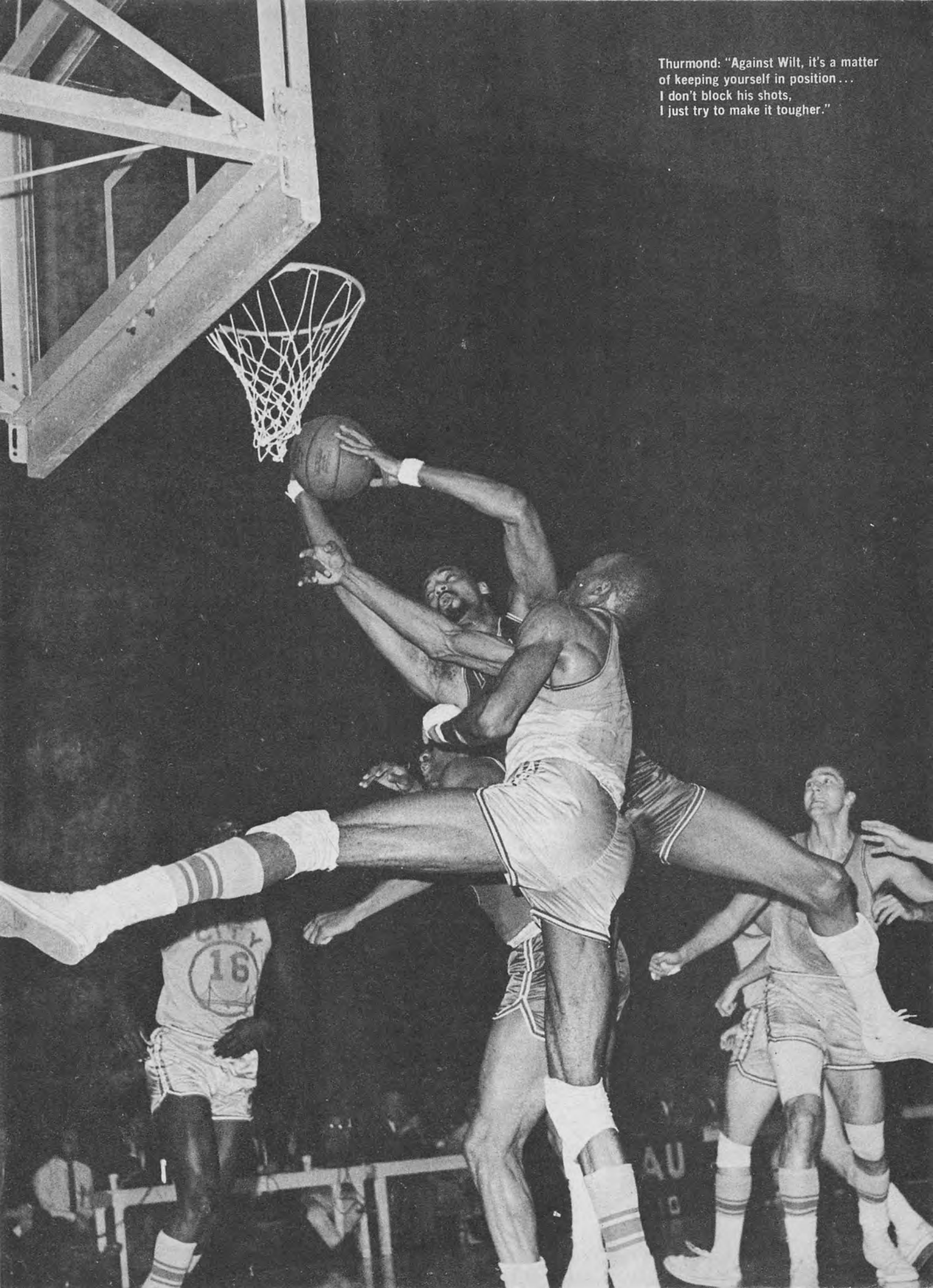
"I used to watch Wilt and Russ on TV when I was a freshman at Bowling Green University," he says. "I used to marvel at Wilt's fadeaway and the Dipper Dunk, and I thought that Russ had the quickest reactions of any big man I had ever seen.

"But I couldn't see myself against them. I would have been frightened to death at the time."

When Thurmond was a sophomore, an incident occurred that made him



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# 1967-8 COLLEGE ALL AMERICAN

**Naturally it starts with the Big A, Lew Alcindor, and then following this mighty masterful maneuverer comes an astounding collection of basketball talent...perhaps the greatest accumulation of college stars in history.**

**by Sam Goldaper**



**LEW ALCINDOR**

He left little doubt about his greatness during his sophomore season. Alcindor, smart, strong, remarkably agile and in full command of his vast physical gift, was everybody's All-American and Player of the Year. Double and triple-teamed and harassed by all types of defenses, Lew led UCLA to an unbeaten season and the NCAA championship. So persuasive and paralyzing was his influence, it was difficult to determine how good his talented teammates really were. Shoot or pass to the open man, he always tried for the right play. His 29 point scoring average was second best among the nation's major college scorers. Tops in field goal percentage with a .667 average. Lew averaged 15.5 rebounds per game and posted a single game high of 61 points. Johnny Wooden, his coach, once commented, "Lew could score more if he was hungry. The best thing his high school coach, Jack Donohue, did was instill in the boy an unselfish attitude."

Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
7-1 3/8	Junior	UCLA	29.0

**ELVIN HAYES**

The Big E has had the All-America label since his scholastic playing days at Britton High School in Rayville, La. Coaches believe Hayes plays the toughest college defense since Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics turned San Francisco into a national collegiate power. A ferociously strong rebounder, he is said to have the speed to run the 100 in 10 seconds and he has a fine outside shot. Elvin was named to the All-America team during both his soph and junior seasons. During his soph year, Hayes ranked in the top 11, nationally, in scoring (27.2), rebounding (16.9), and field goal percentage (56.5). His 28.4 scoring norm was fourth best in the nation and his 15.7 rebounds, sixth. He scored 30 or more points 10 times during the season and carried Houston into a third place finish in the NCAA championship. UCLA beat the Cougars and it was the first Hayes-Lew Alcindor confrontation (the Big E won the scoring battle, 25-19). The two are scheduled to meet again when their teams play the first basketball game over in the Houston Astrodome this season: a game which was soldout shortly after it was announced.

Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-8	Senior	Houston	28.4







DON MAY

Kenny Heitz of UCLA best described Don after the Bruins beat Dayton, 79-64 for the NCAA title last season. "May is just a terrific player," said Heitz, "so strong—and more than that, he knows how to use his strength." Don is something to watch and millions did on TV when Dayton defeated Houston in the NCAA semi-final and he made 13 straight shots, 34 points and 15 rebounds. He tallied 21 against UCLA. A lefthanded shooter, May has been double trouble to Dayton opponents for the past two seasons. In his soph season he averaged 20.3 points per game and was good enough to outrebound his teammate, 6-11 All-America Henry Finkel. With Finkel graduated he had the show all to himself last year and averaged 22.2 points and 16.7 rebounds, fifth in the nation. Remember too that the four top rebounders ahead of him were at least four inches taller and one more than nine inches taller.

Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-4	Senior	Dayton	22.2

## WESTLEY UNSELD

In the collegiate backboard jungle there are none better than this muscular agile giant. Before the start of the 1966-67 season basketball people were asking, "what'll Wes do for an encore?" His sophomore season brought him a yard-long list of honors and record breaking performances, including the nation's second highest rebounder; Sophomore of the Year in the tough Missouri Valley Conference; MVP at the Hurricane Classic and to top it all he broke Oscar Robertson's MVC rebounding record which the Big O set when he played at the University of Cincinnati a decade ago. Wes' answer was simple—All-America honors. Unsel averaged 19 rebounds per game to go with his 18.7 scoring mark and Louisville with a 23-5 record made it to the NCAA tournament and was a member of the nation's Top 10 all season. Wes is the unselfish type who didn't shoot too often but where rebounding was involved, he preferred to run the show. Around his home, Wes' parents sometimes call him, "No. 2" because he is their second son but at Louisville and the nation he ranks high among the collegiate basketball stand-outs.

Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-8	Senior	Louisville	18.7



ALFRED (BUTCH) BEARD JR.

The story goes that Butch grew up bouncing a basketball and he hasn't stopped since. One of the most publicized schoolboy stars to ever enroll at Louisville after leading Breckinridge County to the state championship, he was subject of a heated recruiting battle between Bernard (Peck) Hickman, the Cardinal coach, and Adolph Rupp, the Kentucky coach. After a freshman season of scoring 24.8 points and pulling down 15.8 rebounds, and a 20.5 scoring mark and an eight point rebound average last year, it's not hard to determine why. Butch, tough and wiry, has been called the complete player. He has tremendous spring, excellent speed and quickness and the knack of hitting the open man with a pinpoint pass. Wes Unsel and Butch give the Cardinals a tremendous 1-2 scoring and rebounding punch.

Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-3	Junior	Louisville	6-3

## RON WILLIAMS

Mountaineer coach Bucky Walters often uses a two-man front court and a three-man backcourt to capitalize on Ron's speed. One of the nation's top 10 sophomores two years ago, he carried over his scoring, driving and passing ability to his junior year and finished off with a 20.1 scoring mark. A great shooter, he always tries to find an open path to drive for the basket. Wherever the West Virginia basketball caravan moves collegiate coaches say, "Ron is so quick yet he can really handle and pass the ball. He's tough, smart and knows what to do with the ball." The pro scouts and coaches joined in a consensus that it was almost unreal the way he can find the open man with his passes.

Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-3	Senior	West Virginia	20.1



## LUCIUS ALLEN

When Lucius moved into the starting UCLA backcourt the only problem was for him to blend his individual brilliance into the Bruins' scoring attack without sacrificing either facet. After a 22.4 freshman scoring record, the guessing was he would be a super soph. Long before UCLA finished an unbeaten season and won the NCAA championship, Allen was making the predictions come true. He possesses the quickness and jumping ability the UCLA type of offense and defense demands. Allen is also a fine jump-shooter with the ability not only to get the shots but to get the percentage shots. With his speed, quickness and aggressiveness he is a fine defensive player, especially when the Bruins use the zone press. He moves down the middle well without the ball for easy passes and layups. While a high school All-America at Wyandotte in Kansas City, he was considered the nation's second best scholastic talent only to Lew Alcindor. They have since given UCLA the greatest 1-2 scoring punch in college basketball.

Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-2	Junior	UCLA	15.5

## CHRIS THOMFORDE

It was in College Park, Md. and Princeton had just beaten Boston College in the semi-final of the NCAA Regionals and Bob Cousy, the Eagles' coach, was saying, "Thomforde impresses me more than any big college man I've seen." Cousy hadn't seen Lew Alcindor at the time but even Alcindor never accomplished more in one game than did Thomforde, who wants to be a Lutheran Minister. Chris scored 22 points, grabbed 15 rebounds, had six assists and blocked six shots. After a 25.2 freshman scoring season, Thomforde beat out two-year starter Robinson Osborn Brown as the starting center and went on to complete the season with a 15 point scoring average and a 9.6 rebounding norm. He does not have much spring, but at his size he does not need much, and he can run up and down the court for a week without getting winded.

Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-8½	Junior	Princeton	15.0







LARRY MILLER

Tough and terrific. That's the way rival coaches everywhere describe Larry. Quick as a cat, he maneuvers extremely well under the boards without drawing too many fouls and has the ruggedness to battle much smaller guys under the boards. He proved this in his sophomore season when he led North Carolina in rebounds with 277, third best in the Atlantic Coast Conference. A southpaw shooter, this high school All-America from Catasauqua, Pa., averaged 21.9 points last season, tops for his team and 36th in the nation. An experienced ball handler, he adapts easily to the backcourt if the occasion demands. Dean Smith, his North Carolina coach, still talks about his 32 point performance during his sophomore season against Ohio State at Columbus. Miller's scoring spree saw him hit 12 of the Tarheels last 14 points in a thunderous outburst which completely overwhelmed the Buckeyes.

Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-3	Senior	North Carolina	21.9

## MIKE LEWIS

Mike keeps his muscles in shape, while at home in Missoula, Mont., by working with his dad in a lumber mill. And, on the mammoth muscular frame of this rugged veteran rests Duke's rebounding hopes and much of its scoring power. A proficient turn-around jumper, Lewis is always tough when he gets near the basket. In his junior year he ranked second behind captain Bob Verga in scoring with a 15.5 average, including co-career highs of 33 points against Vanderbilt; the Southeastern Conference champion and West Virginia; the perennial Southern Conference titlist. Averaged 12.3 rebounds per game, including a season and career high of 24 against Wake Forest. "Mike has the potential of being one of the finest players in the country," says Coach Vic Bubas. He's a good passer, a strong leaper and has a nice touch."

Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-7	Senior	Duke	15.5



## Third Team



George Stone Marshall



Joe Allen Bradley



Bob Whitmore Notre Dame



Cal Murphy Niagara



Pete Maravich LSU

## Fourth Team



Steve Adelman Boston College



Dave Newmark Columbia



Vaughn Harper Syracuse



Ricky Roberson Cincinnati



Bill Hoskett Ohio State

## Fifth Team



Corky Bell Loyola of Chicago



Lynn Shackelford UCLA



Bob Arnzen Notre Dame



Mervin Jackson Utah



Shaler Halimon Utah State

# ALL-SECTIONAL TEAMS

## EAST

### ED SIUDUT



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-7	Junior	Holy Cross	20.4

Since Ed Siudut popped for a 20.4 scoring average last year, a number of people are expecting him to scratch the 23-point level this season. Not so, though; Ed will lead—not dominate—the Holy Cross team that should enjoy one of its finest seasons. He's a nifty passer and a strong rebounder.

### BILL SCHUTSKY



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-3	Junior	Army	20.8

The Knights' brightest star, Bill Schutsky fit right into the West Point attack last year. Schutsky played good defense, but his fame came from his hot hand from the floor. His greatest games in '66-'67 were played in the Charlotte Invitational tourney, in which he was named the outstanding player.

### WARREN BEATY



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
7-1	Junior	American	22.0

There may be another "Beaty" in the N.B.A. next year. Warren, like his namesake "Zelmo," is a center-type Beaty who's particularly adept at rebounding and scoring. Beaty (Warren, that is,) ranked second nationally at board-clearing (19.1) and chipped in an average of 22 points a game.

### GREG MORRIS



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-0	Senior	Cornell	20.0

Greg Morris' speed makes him one of the best guards in the Ivy League. Of course, you don't average 20 points a game by running up-and-down the court, so it is obvious that Morris can drive and shoot, too.

### LARRY NEWBOLD



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-0	Senior	LIU	14.4

The loss of Barry Liebowitz splits what was the steadiest backcourt tandem in the Met Conference last year. The departed Liebowitz leaves Larry Newbold a bit more vulnerable for double-teaming, but Newbold's slick floor play and passing should gain him all-Met and all-Tri State honors

## SOUTH

### DAVE WILLIAMS



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-8	Senior	Mississippi State	15.7

The Mississippi State hoop squad was decimated through graduation, and the brightest spot remaining is 6-8 Dave Williams. Many basketball people say that this is enough, though, as Williams was all-conference in '66-'67. His scoring average was 15.7.

### ROD KNOWLES



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-9	Senior	Davidson	18.4

Rod Knowles will have two distinct roles this year: he will be expected to maintain his 18.4 scoring average, and to ease sophomores Mike Maloy and Doug Cook into the swing of Dixie competition. Coach Lefty Driesel believes that Rod is fit for the task, as he emerged as the team leader last year.

### RUSTY CLARK



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-10	Junior	North Carolina	14.0

Rusty Clark was everything the Tar Heel coaches hoped he would be last year: a board-clearing pivot man and an efficient scorer. He and All-American Larry Miller will form the nucleus of the squad that should win it all in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

### RON PANNETON



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-2	Senior	William & Mary	20.6

Coach Warren Mitchell is predicting that if Ron Panneton improves this year at the rate he did last season, he will be "the best all-around player in the area." Panneton's improvement was not only in his scoring game, but in his defense and passing, too.

### PHIL WAGNER



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-2	Senior	Georgia Tech	19.5

Phil Wagner may be a folk-myth; he broke eight Georgia Tech basketball records despite missing five games, and shot 56.4 from the field last year. Wagner is real enough for Georgia Tech's opponents, though, as they often double-team this high-scoring guard.



# MIDWEST

## DAN SCHOLZ



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-7	Junior	Illinois	20.5

The Illini expected Dave Scholz to team with Richie Jones in the forecourt last year, but when the Big Ten powers banished the latter, Dave had to go it alone. On a .500 team, Scholz managed a 20.5 scoring average, and pulled down rebounds at a 10.9 rate.

## CHUCK NAGLE



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-5	Junior	Wisconsin	19.3

Chuck Nagle is the reason why the Badgers are entertaining hopes of a championship. Nagle, in his first tour of the Big Ten circuit, hit for 19.3 a game, and set four school scoring records in the process. He's exceptionally quick.

## TOM KONDLA



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-7	Senior	Minnesota	24.9

They're not comparing Tom Kondla to Lou Hudson—yet. But Kondla, who broke all scoring records at Lou the Hawk's alma mater, led the Big Ten in scoring last year, and that alone leads many to predict that this 6-7 senior is destined for the same career that Hudson is so successful at.

## VERNE PAYNE



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
5-10	Senior	Indiana	15.7

The Hoosiers only shared the top spot in the Big Ten last year, so Vern Payne and "Avis" will join hands and "Try Harder" this season. Payne, a magnificent playmaker, was the real spark on the Indiana team, and turned in a gritty defensive game as well.

## RICK MOUNT



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-4	Sophomore	Purdue	35.0

Indiana will have to scale the heights of Mount Rick to capture the Big Ten title, and the boys at Purdue are anxiously awaiting the clash. It comes after Rick made his collegiate debut with the frosh, and averaged a mere 35 points a game. He's reputedly the best shooter in the country.

# SOUTHWEST

## BILL DAVIS



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-7	Senior	Arizona	16.1

Bill Davis will lead the Wildcats out of the desert if he can match last year's 16.1 scoring average. Arizona had an unusually poor season (8-17) in '66-'67, and Bill's experience will aid the lower-classmen who are green, but talented.

## LYNN PHILLIPS



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-7	Junior	SMU	14.1

SMU boasted the "Sophomore of the Year" in 6-7 Lynn Phillips. With a year's experience in the Southwest Conference, he should raise his points total considerably this season.

## OTTO MOORE



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-11	Senior	Pan American	21.3

Otto Moore's forte may be rebounding (19.3, 10th in the NCAA College Division) or scoring (21.3 per game). Coach Sam Williams maintains that Otto does both equally well, and counts on his big center to even out the Bronco attack this year.

## WILLIE WORSLEY



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
5-11	Senior	Texas Western	12.2

Willie Worsley will lead the Miners in the '68 goldrush. One of the few veterans of the championship quintet of two years ago, Willie will shoot more this season to compensate for the loss of Nevil Shed and Dave Lattin.

## DON CHANEY



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
	Senior	Houston	15.3

They call Don Chaney "The Duck," but after 40 minutes of basketball, it is Don Chaney's opposite number who is usually quacking. He joins Elvin Hayes in the second-annual "Catch UCLA" tournament, and will draw either Allen or Warren in the pursuit. No sitting duck this.

# MIDLANDS FAR WEST

## RICH NIEMANN



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
7-0	Senior	St. Louis	18.1

Few experts could have predicted that a 2.1 scorer two years ago could blossom into the conference MVP last year, but that's what coach Joe Brehmer wrought in the Mo. Valley loop last year. The specimen is Rich Niemann, a good pro prospect at seven-feet even.

## CHARLIE PARKES



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-5	Junior	Idaho State	19.2

The maturation of Charlie Parkes matched the overall growth of the Bengals late last year. After a slow start, 6-5 Charlie finished at 19.2 in the scoring derby, while Idaho State salvaged a 10-15 campaign. Parkes was later named to the all-conference team.

## JACK GILLESPIE



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-10	Junior	Montana State	19.5

Montana State coach Roger Craft says that if it weren't for you-know-who, Jack Gillespie would be the best center in the country. That's a common refrain nowadays, but Gillespie's credentials bear Craft out: he made the conference all-star team and the Oklahoma City Classic

## JO-JO WHITE



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-3	Junior	Kansas	14.4

Go-go Jo-Jo led-led the Jayhawks offensively and defensively last year. Although his statistics can't match other "name" players, he completely controlled the tempo of floor play in his first full season. Rival coaches particularly fear his defensive ability.

## HARRY HOLLINES



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-3	Senior	Denver	24.8

The prototype pro-type, Harry Hollines' shot makes him a first or second round selection in this year's NBA or ABA draft. Hollines has the right height (6-3) and experience (24.8 average, 15 school scoring records) to make it big in the pros.

## EDGAR LACEY



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-6	Senior	UCLA	12.5

Alcindor's accomplishments often dominate the press releases out of Lew-CLA, but rival coaches concur that Edgar Lacey is one of five vital men on John Wooden's team. Lacey forces play into the corners, easing the traffic flow in the pivot.

## BILL HEWITT



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-6	Senior	Southern Cal.	19.5

A second-team all-conference forward in the AAWU last year, Bill Hewitt is on the brink of an All-American season. Hewitt led the Trojan scorers in '66-'67, and also helped out on the boards.

## JIM McKEAN



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
6-10	Senior	Washington State	18.6

If, if, if. If Alcindor played in Po-dunk, Jim McKean would be the best center in the west. Lew jumps for UCLA, though, so McKean will settle for first-team, Pacific-Eight honors.

## RUSS CRITCHFIELD



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
5-10	Senior	California	21.0

Lack of size "heightens" Russ Critchfield's effectiveness, as he is able to stay close to the streaking guards in the Pacific-Eight. Russ' 5-10 frame is also cut for outside shooting (21.0 per game last year).

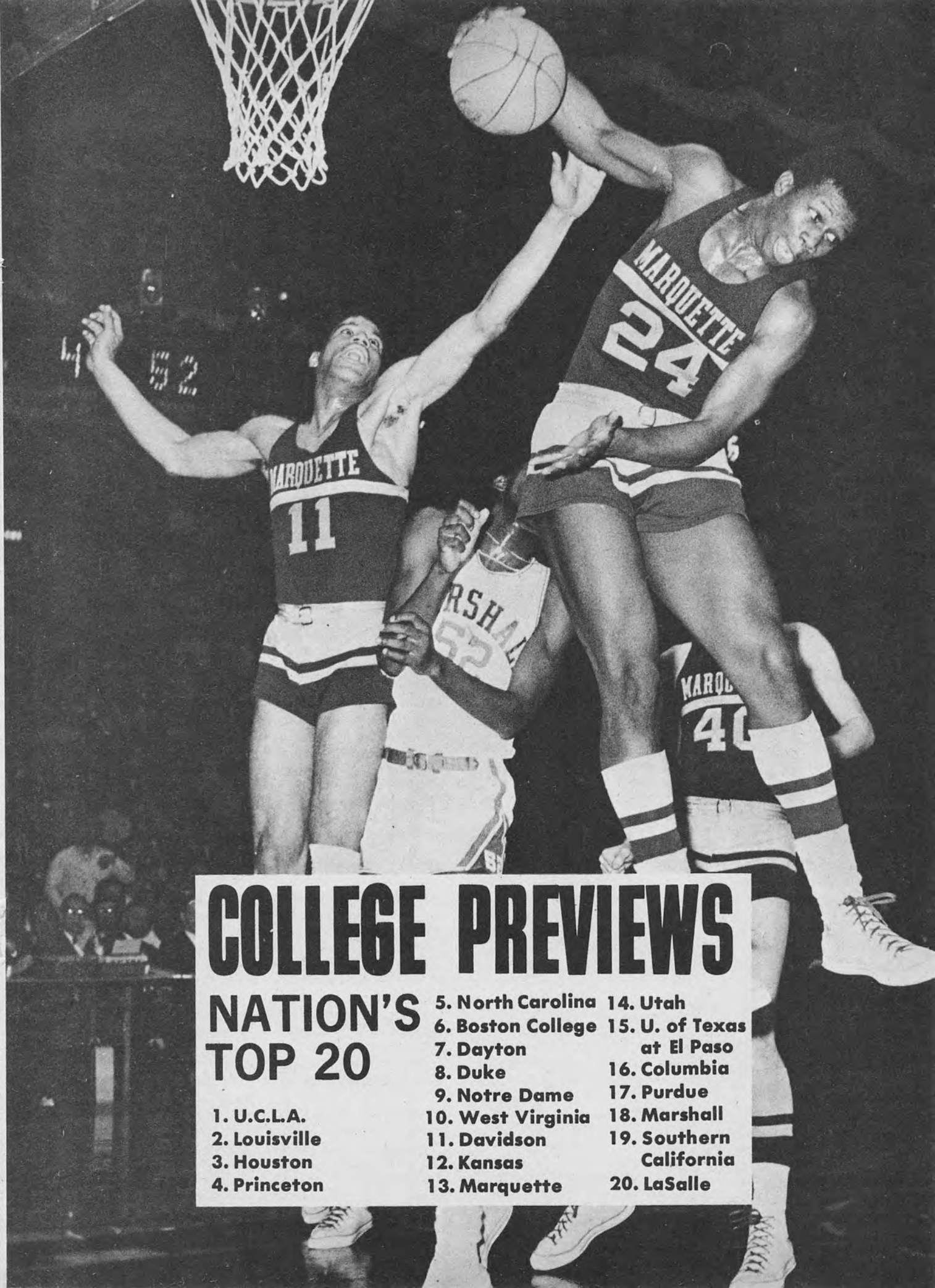
## MIKE WARREN



Hgt.	Class	School	Avg.
5-11	Senior	UCLA	12.7

Mike Warren directed the UCLA offense when Alcindor played for the frosh, and again last year. The undisputed "quarterback" of the team, Warren has the enviable role of feeding off to two All-Americans plus two other hot-shots. He does it well, too.





# COLLEGE PREVIEWS

## NATION'S TOP 20

1. U.C.L.A.
2. Louisville
3. Houston
4. Princeton

5. North Carolina
6. Boston College
7. Dayton
8. Duke
9. Notre Dame
10. West Virginia
11. Davidson
12. Kansas
13. Marquette
14. Utah
15. U. of Texas  
at El Paso
16. Columbia
17. Purdue
18. Marshall
19. Southern  
California
20. LaSalle



**Cliff Parsons**  
Air Force



**Mike Nordholz**  
Alabama



**David Self**  
Arkansas



**Steve Hunt**  
Army

**ADELPHI (Tri-State)** — Mike Gordon saw his team post a 14-12 record in his first season as head coach. From that squad the Panthers have lost 41 points in 6-2 Dick Sherman (22.5) and 6-1 Don Morales (19.3). However Gordon has picked up three transfers from junior college and they will see plenty of action. The key one 6-5 Joe Hoffman from Nassau Community College. He figures to be in the middle while holdovers Ernie Merz (10.5) and Neal Blackstein (4.2) are up front. Mark Schissler (19.5) is back as a playmaker and he will be joined by 5-9 Greg Nerko, who averaged 11.6 with the freshmen, or 6-3 Harvey Golup, who had a 29.1 average with Kingsborough Community College. Also available for bench strength are 6-7 Stacey Brown who was 10.3 with the yearlings, and 6-4 Ken Dunn, a transfer from Nassau.

**AIR FORCE ACADEMY (Independent)** Bob Spear has probably the most inexperienced squad ever turned out by the Falcons, who were 7-18 last winter. Gone from that team are 6-4 Fred Budlinger (15.4), 6-2 Pat Dowling (8.0), 6-5 Eli Bebout (7.7), and 6-5 Charlie Bensley (5.7). Spear is counting on his son, Bert, who averaged 12.5 with the freshmen, to step in and play backcourt with Larry Wiseburn (1.6) or 6-1 Jim Love (1.0), both of who saw very little action with the varsity. In the middle is 6-10 Cliff Parsons, last year's leading scorer at 19.3, while up front are 6-3 Charlie Holland, who only played one game with the varsity and collected 13 points, and 6-3 Mike Klindt, who did not score at all. Mark Bean (13.6) who is 6-3 and 6-4 Jim Cooper (19.4) are two sophs who could very well knock out the pair of holdovers.

**ALABAMA (Southeastern)** — With everyone back, the Crimson Tide should be much improved on last years 13-13 overall record. Back for another crack up front are Guy Turner (16.6) and 6-5 Tom Jones (9.1). In the middle is 6-7 Richie Deppe, 7.9 in scoring and 8.2 off the boards. Backcourt is the team's leading scorer, 6-1 Mike Nordholz (21.0) and 6-3 Garry Elliot (9.1). Transfers are 6-6 Tommy Suits a 6-0 playmaker and 6-5 Dave Mitchell, who can go in the pivot or up front. The pair were good at Marion Institute. Sophomores who figure to lend a hand are 6-5 Randy Hollingsworth (19.6 scoring, 10.4 rebounding), 6-2 Wally Holt (14.7), 6-4 Dave Adkins (14.4) and 6-0 Dave Withe (16.7).

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (Middle Atlantic)** American University embarks upon its most ambitious basketball schedule with its entire starting lineup returning from 1966-1967 which brought AU a 16-8 records and a play-off berth in the Middle Atlantic Conference. Led by 7-1 center Arthur Beatty (22.0), the nation's second leading collegiate rebounder as a junior (19.1), and shooting guard Ray Ruhling (20.0), American should have its finest season in school history with the addition of several promising freshmen to strengthen both the front and back court positions. Senior forwards Wilfred Lucas (11.4) and Gary Horkey (10.0) round out the returning double figure

**ARIZONA (Western)** — The Wildcats had a poor 8-17 record last year and Bruce Larson figures there is no place to go but up after that. And to make that climb he is banking on 6-7 Bill Davis (16.1), a second-team all-conference selection, and 6-5 Dick Root (8.6) up front. In the middle will be 6-8 Mike Kordik (6.1) while sophomore Mickie Foster, 19.0 with the freshmen, is in as a playmaker with Mike Welton (9.9). More help should be available up front with 6-4 sophomore Stan Jackson who averaged a neat 25.9 with the yearlings.

**ARIZONA STATE (Western)** — The Devils went 5-21 last year and coach Ned Wulk feels that they are on the way back to their accustomed spot at or near the top of the conference. Lettermen returning are 6-1 Roger Dettler (11.3), the second leading scorer last season, 6-11 Bob Edwards (8.1), 6-1 Frank Bailey (8.1) and Willie Harris (2.8). Key sophomores are 5-11 Jay Arnote, 6-2 Seabern Hill, who will be the fastest man on the squad, 6-7 Ron Johnson and 6-6 Gerhard Schreuer.

**ARKANSAS (Southwestern)** — Depth is the name of the game this season for the Razorbacks. Last season they shared the cellar with Rice at 4-10 and did not do much better overall, finishing with a 6-17. Coach Duddy Waller's first line players should include 6-5 senior Dave Self (10.4), and 6-5 Gary Stephens (7.3) up front, while redshirt Jim Eldridge or Bobby Vint, who goes 6-8 and who was 15.4 with the freshmen, is in the middle. Eldridge is only 6-5 and Vint is the man that Waller is counting on. For the backcourt, holdovers Benton Cone (7.3) and Jack Kimbrell (2.6), have the edge but sophs Danny Keeter (11.0) and Mack McAlister (13.3) also fit into the picture. As far as the Razorbacks' skipper is concerned, there must be improved pivot play and Vint is the man.

**ARMY (Independent)** — With five lettermen returning from a team which was 13-8 and a fine crop of sophomores which compiled a 16-2 record, Bob Knight expects an excellent season. Bill Schutsky (20.8), the outstanding player in the Charlotte Invitational tournament, will be up front with 6-6 Mike Noonan (3.4). However, two of the plebe graduates, 6-5 Tom Miller (11.2) and 6-5 Mike Gyovai (8.5) will be giving Noonan a battle. Steve Hunt (14.3), a 6-6 junior, is going to be in the pivot. The guards are Jim Oxley, 6-1 sophomore who missed the freshman campaign because of injuries, and holdover Mike Krzyzewski (5.3). John Joyce (17.1) and 6-3 Richie Castleman (10.1) are two more sophs whom Knight will be counting on. Defense will be strong again as Army was third in the country in that department last year.

**AUBURN (Southeastern)** — Billy Alexander, a 6-7 center up from the freshmen, where he averaged 17.5, is the only newcomer in the lineup for Bill Lynn who saw the Tigers go 17-8 last season. Lack of height and experience figure to be the big drawbacks since Alexander is the tallest man on the squad. Another soph, 6-5 Ron Jackson (15.6 with the freshman team) is





**Ed Eberle**  
Buffalo



**William Reynolds Brown**



**Jim Hayes**  
Boston U.



**Walt Piatkowski**  
Bowling Green

going to be up front with 6-3 Wally Tinker (9.6). Backcourt are Alex Howell, a 6-3 senior who was last year's high scorer at 14.0, and 6-3 Tom Perry (7.7).

**BATES (Maine Intercollegiate)**—The Bobcats were 9-6 team last year but coach George Wigton does not expect to reach that this time. He lost his two centers, 6-4 Jim Brown (8.1) and 6-5 Ken Lynch (6.0) and there is no replacement in sight. Leading candidate for the job is 6-3 Dan Weiner, a sophomore who had a 5.1 average as a freshman on the varsity. Up front will be 5-11 Howie Alexander (20.1), the school's all time scoring leader, and 6-1 Don Geissler (9.1). Jim Alden (12.2) and Marc Schulkin (16.3) are the playmakers.

**BOSTON COLLEGE (ECAC)**—The Eagles have flown progressively higher since they have been under Bob Cousy's wing. They were a mediocre 10-11 club when Cooz took over in '63-'64, but attained a 23-3 perch and made the NCAA semis last year. But, as Casey Stengel once said, "I couldn't have done it without my players." And, BC will have an exceptionally strong forecourt, a quick, driving backcourt, and good depth to complement a fine coach. Best of the lot is senior Steve Adelman, whose shooting from the outside eased the pressure on an improving center, Terry Driscoll. Driscoll, a junior, was second to Adelman in scoring last year, 13.4 to 19.4. Billy Evans, 5-11, has been compared favorably to his coach, and he joins Jack Kvanecz at guard. Jim Kissane, 6-8, 7.8, will be the cornerman.

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY (Independent)**—The Terriers have had two consecutive disastrous seasons and things aren't likely to be much different this year. Coach Charlie Luce is shooting for a .500 record. Jim Hayes, a 6-3 guard who was 26.4 with the freshmen, moves into the starting lineup at guard with holdover Skip Mortimer (10.8). Randy Robinson (9.4), who goes 6-5, is in the pivot while Al Gallagher, who is 6-4 with an 8.0 average, and 6-1 Richie Lee (13.2), last winter's top scorer, are up front. Help also should come from 6-6 Pete Weeler, a transfer from Navy.

**BOWLING GREEN (Mid-American)**—New coach Bill Fitch inherits a complete starting unit that finished fourth in the conference and wound up with an 11-13 overall record. Fitch is hopeful that the year of experience will give the predominantly senior squad a respectable mark. Up front will be 6-8 Walter Piatkowski, an all-conference selection who averaged 22.3, and Joe Henderson (7.0). The pivot assignment goes to 6-9 Al Dixon (9.9). Playmakers are Richie Hendrix (12.0) and Al Hairston (15.4). There is plenty of sophomore talent and 6-4 Adrian Zuber (14.3) with the freshmen, 6-4 Kroll (14.2), 6-4 Hugh Terrell (10.8), 6-2 Mark Hennessey (11.9) and 5-10 Dennis Cavanaugh (9.5) should form nucleus for a good bench for the Falcons.

**BRADLEY (Missouri Valley)**—There is more experience and depth on this season's edition of the Braves, who were 17-9 last

year. However, the always-tough Missouri Valley Conference teams keeps coach Joe Stowell from climbing out too far on the limb as far as a prediction is concerned. He is planning on the same starting lineup as he had last year. That means 6-4 L.C. Bowen (17.9) and 6-3 Cal Criddle (8.3) as the forwards. In the pivot is 6-6 Joe Allen (22.8), who was all-conference and all-Sugar Bowl last season. The playmakers will be 6-1 Al Smith and 6-0 Bob Swigris (5.8). For the bench, Stowell figures to go to four excellent sophomores. Heading the list is 6-2 Bill Rohlman (15.8), and he is followed by 6-6 Ron Ulmer (15.0), 6-0 Al Crusoe (13.8), and 6-10 Molnar (13.6).

**BROWN (Ivy)**—Even though the Bruins lost Alan Fishman, a three-year letter winner who averaged 13.5 last season, and 6-7 forward Dave Gale (13.4), the outlook is bright. Stan Ward expects to better last season's 10-16 overall record and 3-11 seventh-place performance in the league. Backcourt men figure to be 6-3 Bill Reynolds (15.8) and Rick Landau (6.0), although 5-11 sophomore Gregg Kuhn, 15.3 with the freshmen, is in the thick of things. The middle man is 6-5 Steve Sigur (9.8) and is backed up by another 6-5 letterman Bruce Moger (2.4). Up front there is 6-5 Bob Purvis, who is 9.1, and 6-6 Mike Neer, who is 12.3 with the yearlings. Also back as forward is 6-3 Gregg Donaldson, who was sidelined with injuries last campaign after having paced the team in scoring as a sophomore with a 9.0.

**BUFFALO (Independent)**—Last year the Bulls suffered through a 9-11 record, the first loser in 21 years. Coach Lenny Serfustini guarantees that will not happen this campaign. He did not lose a single letterman, gained a good crop of sophomores and added two transfers. Up front will be 6-2 veteran Ed Eberle (15.9) and one of the transfers, 6-3 Joe Peeler, who averaged 16.3 with Erie Tech. Peeler was a junior college second-team All-America selection as a freshman. In the middle will be 6-4 Artie Walker (5.8), while the other transfer, 6-2 Bob Nowak (17.6), also from Erie Tech, teams up with Ron Bator (11.1) in the backcourt. Two key reserves in the front line will be a pair of 6-4 sophs, Joe Foster (11.1) and Jack Scherer (9.6). To spell Nowak and Bator are 6-1 Bob Williams (13.2) and 5-11 Dan Mango (8.2). Some of last year's regulars will not survive the final cut so it is easy to see why the Bulls figure to be charging once again.

**BUTLER (Indiana Collegiate)**—The Bulldogs had very little bite last year, finishing with a 10-17 mark. Lost from that squad are 6-6 Ed Schilling (14.7), 5-11 Gene Milner (14.2), 6-3 Ron Salatich (7.4) and 6-3 Bill Brown (7.5). Paul Hinkler looks for the offense, obviously, to be weaker, but expects stronger work on defense. Height is a big problem since 6-4 represents the big men. They are Gary Cos (11.0) and Bill Mauck (3.5). Garry Hoyt, an inch shorter and who averaged 3.6, is at center while backcourt finds 5-11 John Neil (1.3) or soph Scott Neatt with Doug Winger (11.8), a 6-0 holdover, in the other spot.

**CALIFORNIA (Pacific Eight)**—Trent Gaines, a 6-0 transfer from Long Beach Community College, where he averaged 18.5, must come through as a playmaker in the place of the graduated Charlie Perkins if the Golden Bears are to equal and possibly better last season's 17-10. Bob Presley, 6-10 1/2, another from San Jacinto J.C. (21.4 scoring and 18.0 rebounding averages), give the Golden Bears a big man who can score. Russ Critchfield (21.0), second-team All-American and an all-conference pick, is among the top guards in the country. Two more vets, 6-7 Stu Watterson (5.2), the No. 3 rebounder in the league, and 6-5 Bob Wolfe (7.8), will be up front. Good depth should come from the sophs—6-5 Tom Henderson (14.7 with the frosh), 6-1 Rick Hubbell (14.1), 6-6 Wendell Kallenberger (12.8) and 6-5 Clarence Johnson (7.9).

**CANISIUS (Independent)**—The Golden Griffins have lost three double-figure scorers from last year's 15-10 squad—Andy Anderson (21.4), John Morrison (18.1) and Bart Carr (10.1). In addition, the big man, 6-5 Warren Plant, also has graduated. That leaves Bob MacKinnon depending on sophomores for a winning season. The best looking newcomer is 6-0 Roger Brown (19.1), who will operate backcourt with letterman Terry Connors (3.3). As things stand, the Griffins' skipper hopes that Tony Masiello (7.4) and Jack Hassett (1.4) can fill the bill up front but sophs Evan Williams and Bob Trenta, both twin-figure point-makers, will be pushing them. The pivot figures to be weak with 6-6 junior Tom Pasternak (1.4 scoring average with only 32 rebounds) as the key man.

**CINCINNATI (Missouri Valley)** — Tay Baker feels that the Bearcats could improve on last year's 17-9 but that depends on whether or not he finds a good replacement for 6-6 Mike Rolf (13.3), the only man lost through graduation. Up front will be John Howard (13.0), a 6-5 senior who earned the Most Improved Player award, and 6-6 Dick Hauke (6.8) or 6-8 sophomore Jim Arz, who was 21.0 with the freshmen. Middle man is 6-9 Rick Roberson, only a junior who is the MVP on the team with his 14.8 scoring average and 12.5 mark in rebounding. Veteran Gordon Smith (11.3), the squad's best defensive player, and 5-11 Dean Foster (5.5), the team's leading man in assists the past two seasons, are the guards. Up from the freshmen and figured to be a big help off the boards is 6-8 Jack Ajzner, who had an 18.5 scoring average. Raleigh Winn, a 6-3 junior who can play front or back and who had a 5.1 scoring mark, is another top reserve.

**CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK (Independent)** — The Beavers went 13-6 last winter, best record since the 1949-50 season. However, Dave Polansky does not expect anything near that this time since he has lost 6-6 Barry Eiseman (19.4), 6-0 John Clifton (13.3) and 5-10 playmaker Mike Pearl (17.8). Moving in Eiseman's spot in the middle is 6-3 sophomore Tony Richardson, 21.8 with the freshmen. Up front there will be 6-2 Dick Knel (9.7) and 6-5 Jeff Keizer (10.7). The backcourt is the big problem since Pearl and his partner, Pat Vallance (5.3), are no longer available. As it stands Frank Brandes (2.4) and Barry Globberman (1.3) are the replacements. Both are holdovers but saw very little action last winter, and that is why Polansky is not looking for a repeat performance.

**CLEMSON (Atlantic Coast)** — Bobby Roberts figures he has the toughest rebuilding of any coach in the country. The Tigers were 17-8 overall and the only starter returning is 6-7 forward Richard Mahaffey (10.2). Gone are center Randy Mahaffey (16.8), Joe Ayoub (6.6), Ken Gardner (13.1) and Jim Sutherland, the leading scorer at 18.8. Up front with Mahaffey this time will be Trip Jones, a 6-5 junior who only averaged 0.8. The center is 6-7 Ron Welch, who has a 15.3 average with the freshmen. Playmakers will be George Zatezalo, a 5-11 soph



Floyd Kerr  
Colorado State



John Howard  
Cincinnati

who went 22.4 and either Mike Eaer, soph with a 13.9, or veteran Dave Demsey (0.6), a weak scorer.

**COLGATE (Independent)**—Ed Ashnault, the new coach of the Red Raiders, finds himself with good scoring but not the real big man. Only 6-3 Gary Blongiewicz (12.8) was lost via graduation. The tallest returnee is 6-6 John Gee (9.2) and he will be up front with 6-2 Rick Caputo (11.6). George Erickson, who is 6-4, averaged 6.4 is scoring and is being counted on as the center. John Reid (12.0) and Mike Barrett (10.5) are the playmakers and they are backed up by the only two sophs of real consequence—6-1 Alan Klumpp (12.4 with the frosh) and 5-9 Mike Greenlaw (10.6).

**COLORADO (Big Eight)**—The Buffaloes suffered heavy graduation losses, four starters from the team that went 17-8 and tied for second in the conference. Pat Frink, a 6-4 guard who averaged 18.3, and who was the leading scorer, is the only veteran returning. Much depends on the performance of 6-8 Ted Erfert who averaged 8.0 for three games last year before suffering an injury. He still remains a big question mark and must come through to make the record respectable. Bruce Hyink, a 6-10 redshirt, could supply badly needed height. Mike Rebich (6.4), who goes 6-4 in height, figures to be a starter up front and playmaker Chuck Williams, (5.7) completes the lineup.

**COLORADO STATE (Independent)**—Despite the loss of six players through graduation, Jim Williams looks for the Rams to be as respectable as last year's 14-10. Key loss was 6-8 Bob Rule (14.8) although not to be overlooked are 6-7 Sonny Bustion (9.9), and Dale Schlueter (6.1). Up front finds 6-5 Cliff Shegogg (12.9) and 6-2 Floyd Kerr (9.7). The middle assignment falls to 6-10 Mike Davis, who saw limited action as a soph and who only averaged 2.4. Lloyd Kerr (8.9) and Tom Nowicki (2.2) are the guards although John Kirkman, a 6-3 sophomore with a 22.3 average as a freshman, must be considered a definite threat. For top reserves up front Williams can count on two more sophs, 6-3 Lavern Brown (12.3) and 6-4

Bob Portman  
Creighton



Pat Frink  
Colorado







**Doug Cook**  
**Davidson**



**Mike Maloy**  
**Davidson**

Tom Meeker (7.0). Another man whom Williams is counting on is 6-4 Tom Pack who stayed out of competition last year after winning two letters.

**COLUMBIA (Ivy)**—With the return of Dave Newmark and a solid corps of sophomores to work with, Columbia's basketball team should rank as one of the top teams in the Ivy League, and perhaps in the east. Newmark, a 7-1/4 junior who was on a leave of absence from school last year, will help the Lions regain their rebounding strength and will provide them with a sharpshooter from anywhere near the lane. Along with Newmark, coach Jack Rohan has high hopes for junior Ro-er Waszsek, a strong, 6-3 forward, who showed last season that he can handle nearly any assignment, whether rebounding, defense or driving the baseline for lay-ins. Jim McMillian, a high school All-America, is the big addition to the team. McMillian, at 6-5, is an outstanding shooter and rebounder and has a sixth sense about him, enabling him to anticipate plays and take the right position for them quickly and with perfection.

**CONNECTICUT (Yankee)**—The Huskies are going to have to dedicate this campaign to rebuilding. Six members of last season's 17-7 squad have departed. The big loss is 6-2 playmaker Wes Bialosuknia (28.0). Mainstay this time is 6-7 Bill Corley (14.9), who was an all-conference selection. He will be up front with 6-3 Bob Steinberg (5.1). Rookie coach Burr Carlson will have to depend on 6-1 holdover Tom McNeece as one of his guards. This means little scoring since the senior only averaged 1.8 last winter. Up from the freshman team are 6-7 Tony Budzinsky, who had an 8.4 average in the pivot, and forwards John Crip (14.5) and Joe Kubachka (17.0). However, they do not have much height, as Crip is the big man at 6-3.

**CORNELL (Ivy)**—Sam MacNeill looks for the Big Red to be stronger up front, weaker in the backcourt and better on the bench. Gone from last year's team that went 19-5 are 6-3 Ga-

**Bob Hooper**  
**Dayton**



**Joe Colgan**  
**Dartmouth**



briel Durkac (10.0) and 6-0 playmaker Baline Aston (8.4). Backcourt finds Gregg Morris (20.0), a first-team selection in the all-league voting, and 6-5 Walter Esdaile (14.3), a second-team choice. Hank South (15.9), another second-team pick, figures to be in the pivot although he could change spots with 6-5 sophomore Bill Schwarzkopf, who averaged 26.4 with the freshmen. Gregg Otto is going to be the other forward.

**CREIGHTON (Independent)**—The Bluejays like to use a double post offense, but may have to alter their attack this year because of a lack of manpower at the pivot. Creighton was 9-2 last year when center Tim Powers, a high pro draft pick, was injured. The Jays then nosedived to a 12-13 finish. Coach Red McManus has a pair of outstanding forwards in Wally Anderzunas, 6-7, and Bob Portman, 6-5 1/2, plus a good team leader in 5-11 guard Dave Hickey. Anderzunas averaged 15.5 points and 8.8 rebounds despite a late season bout with mononucleosis. Portman's marks were 18.3 and 11.4, including a 35-point burst against Houston. Paul Michael, 6-6 is good but not strong enough for inside. 6-7 Steve Jansa is more at home in the corner. Except for 6-0 guard Jack Ketterer, there is little immediate help from the frosh crop. If McManus can find a center to go with his "Big Three," the Bluejays could surprise.

**DARTMOUTH (Ivy)**—Dave Gavitt had to step in during the middle of the season to take over for the ailing Doggie Julian. Now in his first official season as head coach he finds himself leaning heavily on sophomores who came off a 19-2 freshmen record, the best in the college's history. From that team there will be 6-6 Alex Winn (16.8), who is 6-6, up front while 5-10 guard Phil Penberthy (9.6) will be challenging a pair of holdover guards, Rick Stableford (4.1), who is a 6-5 letterman, although George D'Hemecourt (8.9), off the freshman team, has a good crack at the job. The other front man will be 6-3 Joe Colgan, a senior who averaged 13.7 last season. Bench strength also will be available thanks to the sophomores since there are 6-4 Greg Pickering (9.6), Tom Reddy (9.6), a 6-6 playmaker to choose from with holdover John Duke (4.7) who is 6-7, and Mike Neal (3.5). Speed will be the biggest asset for Gavitt who also could boast the best height in every position in many years for the Indians.

**DAVIDSON (Southern)**—This could be the strongest team in the history of the Wildcats. Coach Lefty Driesel did not lose a single letterman and he boasts depth, speed, and rebounding and scoring. Little reason why Davidson expects to have such a good year. Up front will be 6-6 Doug Cook, and 6-6 Mike Maloy, both sophs who averaged 21.5 and 21.9, respectively, with the freshmen. They are backed up by 6-5 letterman Mike O'Neill (11.1). All-conference selection Rodney Knowles, who is 6-9 and who averaged 18.4 is in the pivot. Another soph, graduated from the frosh squad that was 16-0, is 6-5 Jerry Kroll (18.6), and he is battling Dave Moser (8.9) for one of the playmaking roles. The other will be handled by 6-3 Wayne Huckel, a second-all-conference selection.

**DAYTON (Independent)**—Only guard Gene Klaus (9.2) has departed from the team that went 25-6 in finishing No. 2 to UCLA in last year's NCAA championship playoff. The Flyers have 6-4 Don May (22.2), as the key man in plans to better last year's performance. May was All-America in three different polls and he pulled down 519 rebounds. With him in the other forward spot will be 6-6 Dan Sadlier (7.8). Dayton is dipping into the sophomores and comes up with 6-8 center George Janky, 17.7 with the freshmen. Rudy Waterman (11.2) and Bob Hooter (11.7) give the Flyers a good punch in the backcourt. For reserves there are identical twins, Jim and Jerry Gottschall, who went 15.1 and 12.7 respectively with the yearlings, for the backcourt, and 6-3 Jerry Francis (16.6) for up front.

**DELAWARE (Middle Atlantic)**— The Blue Hens are expected to be a contender in the University Division of the MAC since the entire starting lineup is back to join two fine sophs and a pair of transfers. Jim Couch, in from Oklahoma Military College, is moving into the starting five at guard with 6-1 Charley Parnell (18.5), and all-conference choice. Mark Wagaman (11.5), second-team all-MAC, is in the pivot, while 6-3 soph Loren Pratt (24.8 with the frosh) is going to crack the lineup up front with 6-8 Kenn Barnett (24.3). Steve Jackson, who is 6-5 and the other transfer from Virginia, and 6-6 soph Ed Roth (22.7) have good shots as forwards along with 6-6 holdover Bill Beatty (8.5).

**DENISON (Ohio Athletic)**— Dick Scott produced an 11 record for the Big Red last winter and has high hopes of vastly improve that this time. In the middle will 6-7 Bill Druckemiller, all-conference selection last year with an 18.9 average, while up front will be 6-3 Carl Bolstad (14.9) and a good looking soph, 6-5 Charles Claggett (17.5). Backcourt finds 6-2 Tom Demo (10.3) and 6-1 Paul Sandusky (6.4).

**DENVER (Independent)**—Troy Bledsoe finds himself looking for personnel up front since he lost 6-8 Byron Beck (13.9), 6-7 George Roderick (10.6) and 6-4 Mike Boxberger (3.5) from a

and 12.8 rebounds last winter. Playmakers are 6-1 Larry Salci (16.3) and 6-1 Ralph Bricker, the team's leading scorer, with a 19.9 average. Sophomore John Parker, who is 6-4, should be able to help up front with 6-5 Gerry Swartzfager, who had a 17.0 average.

**DUKE (Atlantic Coast)** — Vick Bubas already has gone on record that the Blue Devils will be weaker than last year's 18-9 squad. That is because he has lost All-America guard Bob Verga, who averaged 26.1, and 6-6 forward Bob Riedy who had a 12.8 scoring mark. The big man on the squad is 6-7 Mike Lewis, a senior who averaged 15.5 points and who was the leading rebounder in the conference as a sophomore and second last campaign as a junior. Up front will be 6-5 Tom Kolo-drij (9.9), and 6-7 Steve Vandenburg (3.7). However, two sophomores are giving them a good fight—6-5 Doug Jackson, who was 17.1 with the frosh, and 6-6 Tim Teer, who was 16.1. The same situation holds true in the backcourt where veterans Dave Golden (5.8) and Ron Wedlin (3.9) must fight sophomores John Posen (12.3) and Ray Kuhlmeier (14.6).

**DUQUESNE (Independent)**— Red Manning suffered through a 7-15 record last year but gained an awful lot of experienced ballplayers since he did not have any seniors. The starting lineup should be 6-6 Ron Guziak (13.8) and 6-4 Moe Barr (14.7) up front, 6-8 Phil Washington in the middle and 6-4 Richie Carlberg (9.5) and 6-2 sophomore Bill Zopf (18.2 with the freshmen), and in the back court. Zopf is rated as the brightest sophomore prospect since All-American Willie Somerset. The glaring weakness for the Dukes is the real big man, as only 6-6 Larry Abraham (8.7), is available to spell Washington.

**EASTERN KENTUCKY (Ohio Valley)**—The Colonels could bounce back from the worst record ever, 5-18, to become a contender. Coach Jim Boechtold lost 6-3 Dick Clark (17.4) and 6-1 Doug Clemmons (10.5). A 6-4 sophomore, Toke Coleman is coming up from the best freshman team ever with a 17.7 average, and he will be up front with 6-4 Jerry Godberg (7.4). The middle man is 6-7 Garfield Smith (17.8), the team's leading scorer and rebounder with a 13.4 mark. Backcourt are Bobby Washington, 5-11 junior who went 17.5 to make the all conference team, and either Joe Prats (7.1) or Willie Woods (13.4), another graduate of the freshman squad. Chester Rose, a 6-7 center, is another soph who could help up front. He averaged 12.1.

**EVANSVILLE (Indiana Collegiate)** — Arad McCutchan had a disastrous 8-17 record last year but this time he expects the Aces to be as tough as they usually are. Only 6-3 Herb Williams has departed and the Evansville coach picks up four outstanding sophomores. However, none of them are expected to break into the starting five in the early stages of the season. The opening lineup should be 6-6 Howy Pratt (14.6) and 6-2 Jerry Mattingly (6.2) up front, 6-9 Tom Niemeier (11.3) in the middle and 6-1 Dave Riggs (9.5) and 6-4 Darrel Adams as the playmakers. The four top sophs are 6-5 Layne Homes (13.5 with the yearlings), 6-2 Kae Moore (11.8), 6-4 Rex Morgan (22.6) and 6-5 Mike Owens (12.0).

**FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON (Metropolitan)**—Jack Devine had rough going in his first year as head coach of the Knights, posting only a 4-19. And his biggest problem last year remains the same this time—finding someone to help Reggie Foster off the boards. Foster, a 6-6 senior, averaged 16.2 in scoring and 15.6 rebounding. He will be back in the pivot spot while up front will be 6-6 Pete Mischner (0.7) and 6-5 Ken Wangler (3.9). Backcourt finds Joe Sherry (12.2) and Al Patierno (8.4). Ron Kist, who averaged 31.7 with the freshmen is a definite threat to replace Sherry or Patierno. There could be some help off the boards from 6-5 Richie Ochipa, a 6-5 sophomore who is transferring from Tusculum College in Tennessee.



Dolph Pulliam  
Drake



Willie McCarter  
Drake

team that was a disappointment with a 13-12 record. The Pioneers coach is hopeful that 6-5 Al White has recovered from a broken leg that kept him sidelined last winter. With White up front, unless there is help from the junior colleges, will be 6-3 Rick Callahan (4.8). In the middle is 6-10 Brian Clare (12.0 and 7.6 off the boards). Backcourt is the big plus for the Pioneers with 6-3 All American Harry Hollines (24.8) who shattered 15 DU scoring records thus far. And he is joined by 5-10 sophomore Horace Kearney, who averaged 25 points with the freshmen. A good looking prospect as a reserve is 6-1 playmaker Doug Funk (17.1).

**DE PAUL (Independent)**— The Blue Demons surprised Ray Meyer last year with a 17-8, which included eight wins out of a final 10 games. Gone from that squad are 6-1 Mike Norris (17.2) and 6-5 Errol Palmer (12.8). As a result, sophomore Tom Hunter (17.4) is moving into the forward spot. He is 6-5 and finds himself playing along side of 6-7 Ken Warzynski, another soph (18.2). Bob Zoretich, 6-7 senior who was 12.4, is in the pivot and the playmakers are Bob Mattingly (6.7) and Al Zetzsch (7.4). Meyer feels that he has 12 or 13 men to see action from time to time and plans on using this depth to good advantage. Two other promising sophs are 6-5 Sevira Brown (14.2) and 6-3 Tom Tracy (12.8).

**DETROIT (Independent)**—The Titans should show marked improvement on last season's 10-15 since Bob Calihan did not lose a single starter. Up front will be 6-5 Bruce Rodwan (16.4) and 6-5 Vyto Amramavicus (9.0) while Tom Richardson, who is two inches taller, is in the middle. He averaged 11.4 points



**FLORIDA (Southeastern)**— Tommy Bartlett lead the Gators to a 21-4 record last year and rates the toughest loss from that squad to be 6-0 playmaker Skip Highley (11.5). Also gone is 6-10 forward Gary Keller (15.1). To take Keller's place there is Andy Owens, a red shirt who was 21.0 as a freshman. Gary McElory, who is the same height and who tallied an average of 8.4, is the other forward. Neal Walk, who made the conference all-sophomore squad with an 11.5 average, is stepping into the middle for the second straight season while the backcourt will be handled by 6-5 Dave Miller (13.8) and Pensacola Junior College transfer Mike Leatherwood (16.0). Ed Lukco, a 6-2 sophomore guard also could be in the running, while bench strength should come from 6-3 Harry Winkler, 6-0 Boyd Welsch and 6-2 Mike Rollyson.

**FLORIDA STATE (Independent)**— Hugh Durham makes no bones about it. . . he expects the Seminoles to be vastly improved over last year's 11-15 record. The only big loss from that team is 6-4 Bill Glenn (15.6). Taking his place is 6-7 Willie Williams, a 6-7 transfer from Dade Junior College where he scored 24.7 points a game and averaged 20.4 off the boards. Up from an outstanding freshman squad that went 18-2 is 6-7 center Dave Cowens (14.4). He will be in the pivot while the other forward is another soph, 6-4 Larry Moore, who led the yearlings with a 25.0 average. Backcourt will be two lettermen, 6-1 Darrel Stewart (10.7) and 6-1 Ian Morrisian (11.4).

**FORDHAM (Independent)**—No one expected the Rams to post last year's 14-11 record since there was a great deal of inexperience on the squad. John Bach is being credited with performing "The miracle of Rose Hill." The year of experience figures to pay off in richer dividends this season since Bill Langheld, an All-Met selection who averaged 18½ is up front with Richie Goggin (5.3). Dennis Witkowski, a 6-7 junior with a 12.3 scoring mark, is going to be at center, while in the backcourt are 6-1 Ken Parker (3.8) and 6-3 Pat Raftery (15.8). Good reserve strength will come from four sophomores—6-4 Bob Cassou (18.2 with the freshmen), 6-5 Ken Krusius (11.1). Raftery is being converted to backcourt from a forward spot and Bach wonders how well the junior will make the adjustment. Another major problem is the schedule, one of the toughest in the school's history, with Boston College, Temple, St. John's as opponents in addition to the always tough Oklahoma City tournament.

**FURMAN (Southern)**— Frank Selvy in his second year as coach of the Paladins, looks for a marked improvement on last season's 9-15 despite the fact that 6-6 Steve Lawrence (21.2) and 6-3 Mike Muth (11.9) have graduated. Veterans Don Webster, a 6-6 senior with a 16.2 average and a 6-6 Dave Witener, a junior college transfer, are going to be up front. The only other holdover in the starting quintet will be 6-1 Dick Esleeck (13.1) in the backcourt. Sophomores will fill the other spots. In the middle is 6-6 Bill Heffelfinger (18.3 with the freshmen) while the other guard is 5-10 Steve McCamman (11.0). The weakest spot as far as Selvy is concerned is the backcourt. There will be more depth up front as 6-7 Carl Ekenbrecher and 6-3 Dave Nicholson, both juniors, should show improvement after a year's experience.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON (Southern)**— Rookie Coach Wayne Dobbs finds himself with only four lettermen from a team that had a poor mark of 6-18 last winter. Forming the nucleus of the squad are 6-4 Micky Sullivan (5.5) up front, 6-8 Frank Mooney (1.2) and sophomore Bob Dennis a 5-11 playmaker who led the freshmen with a 21.0 average. Moving in the backcourt with Dennis will be 6-2 Jeff DeLong (1.8), while the other forward spot will be filled by junior college graduate Wayne Wedemeyer who is 6-5 and comes from San Jacinto, and 6-5 Roger Strong, who hails from Wesley Junior College.



Reggie Foster  
Fairleigh Dickinson



Joe Prats  
Eastern Kentucky

**GEORGIA (Southeastern)**— This is the year that the Bulldogs should bark. Coming off a 9-17 record, Ken Rosemond has to look up. . . and he is. The biggest man in Georgia basketball history, 6-11 Bob Lienhard (24.0 with the frosh who went 16-5), is set at center. Jim Youngblood, last season's top varsity scorer at 15.1, is going to be up front again with 6-6 Don Wix (13.2) who was the pivot man. Dick McIntosh (13.9) returns as a playmaker, and chances are that he will be working with a soph, 5-11 Jerry Epling, who was 20.6 as a yearling. Also back for duty is 6-4 Ray Jeffords, who was sidelined with a leg injury. So the height, experience and depth are there.

**GEORGIA TECH (Independent)**The Yellow Jackets set all sorts of scoring records last year in rolling to a 17-9 record and coach John Hyder expects to have just as good a team this time out. Pres Judy (16.5) a 6-3 forward, is the main loss from last winter. Up front will be 6-4 Dave Clark (9.9) or 6-3 Ted Tomasovich (12.5). However, the pair are being pressed by two sophs, 6-7 Al Tison (12.7) and 6-5 Howie Thompson (15.0). The middle man is 6-4 Pete Thorne (9.8) although he also faces a fight from a sophomore, 6-7 Bob Seemer (20.0). Backcourt are a pair of veterans, 5-11 Stan Guth (8.8) and 6-2 Phil Wagner (19.5). Wagner is rated as the "greatest all around player in Georgia Tech history" as he led the squad in eight categories even though he missed five games with an elbow injury. He shot 56.4 from the field and was seventh in the nation in this category.

**HARDIN-SIMMONS (Independent)**— The Cowboys registered a 17-9 record last year and even though three double figure scorers are gone from that squad, Paul Lambert feels he could have a better team this time out provided he picks up one or two junior college transfers. Departed are 6-6 Mike Forman (14.0), 6-6 Sylvester Neal (18.5), and 6-5 Dick Nagy (12.7). For a starting unit, there will be 6-4 Clarence McHenry (11.5) and 6-4 Bob Ross (5.0), who was ineligible the final half of last year because of grades, up front, while in the middle is 6-5 LeRoy Watson (8.5) and backcourt will be Max Brownlee (13.3) and transfer Keith Lindsey, who is a good shooter.

Phil Wagner  
Georgia Tech



Micky Sullivan  
George Washington



**HARVARD (Ivy)** — Floyd Wilson rebuilt his team last year and was satisfied with the 11-14 record. Now he is looking for the Crimson to show the dividends gained. It seems likely that 6-5 Chris Gallagher (16.1), 6-6 Barth Royer (14.1), and 6-4 Bob Kanuth (12.1) will keep their starting jobs up front. Backup help will come from 6-6 junior Dan Martell (5.9) and 6-6 sophomore Gerry O'Neil who led the freshman squad with a 15.8 scoring average. Help also might come from 6-8 junior Paul Waickowski, who is coming to the varsity from the jayvee. One of the backcourt men will be holdover Jeff Grate (10.4) while the other berth is up for grabs between captain Bob Beller (6.2), 6-3 Bob Johnson (5.9) 6-3 Eric Gustavson (5.4) and two sophomores, 6-0 Ron Glass (9.1) and 6-2 Jack Purdy (9.6).

**HOFSTRA (Metropolitan and Middle Atlantic)**— Paul Lynner expects the Flying Dutchmen to show great improvement over last campaign's 12-13 record. The only man lost from that squad is 5-8 Dennis DiFeo (3.1). He has nine lettermen on the squad and joining them are three sophomores who should help in the backcourt. Up front will be 6-4 Abe Aikins (12.2) and 6-3 Ron Miles (13.4). The center will be 6-6 Barry White, who averaged 17 points and who pulled down 9.7 rebounds a game. He rated among the top field goal shooters in the nation, finishing 12th with a 55.9 mark. Wandy Williams, a 6-2 playmaker who only saw action for the last half of the campaign and wound up with a 21.2 average, should show great improvement with a full campaign under his belt. He will be playing alongside of 6-0 Fred Grasso (12.1). Dan Silver, a 6-7 junior, who had a 5.1 scoring average, should be able to spell White whenever needed.

**HOLY CROSS (Independent)**—Jack Donohue has every reason to believe that the Crusaders will be better than last year's 16-9, since his entire starting lineup is returning. That calls for 6-7 Ed Siadat (20.4), the leading scorer and an all-New England selection, and 6-4 Keith Hochstein (19.5) up front. Ron Teixeira (11.2), a 6-9 junior should show the experience gained after one season and Donohue expects his center to be one of the best in the East. Backcourt is 6-1 Jim Murray (6.2) and 6-2 Al Stazinski (14.1).

**HOUSTON (Independent)**—The Cougars were 27-4 last year when they finished third in the NCAA tournament. Guy Lewis' boys were in the Top 10 throughout the entire season. Heading three returning starters is 6-8 All American Elvin Hayes (28.4), who needs only 84 points to become the greatest scorer in Texas collegiate history. He figures to be operating with 6-7 Mel Bell (12.8), who underwent a knee operation at the end of last campaign. He was second to Hayes in rebounding with a 9.1. Hayes was tops with 15.7. Ken Spain, a 6-9 junior with a 5.4 average, should take over at the center spot vacated by the graduation of 6-6 Leary Lentz (7.9) and 6-8 Don Kruse (5.5). Don Chaney (15.3), a 6-5 senior, will be operating in the backcourt once again and his partner figures to be 6-2 sophomore Tom Gribben, who was 24.3 with the

yearlings. Marc Evans, a 6-10 center, who was 26.5 with the frosh, could give Spain a battle. Houston will have the distinction of playing the first basketball game in the Astrodome against UCLA, in the NCAA semi-final rematch that is expected to draw 40,000 and break all college attendance records.

**IDAHO (Big Sky)**—Wayne Anderson is hopeful of landing four or five junior college transfers to make the Vandals contenders following last year's 15-12 record. Gone from that squad are Rod Bohman (11.9), Bob Pipkin (16.2) and 6-7 Dave Scholtthauer (15.4). The starting lineup looms like Larry Kaschmitter only 1.7 who is 6-10 and 6-3 Rich Raddy (5.9) up front while Bob Noice is in the pivot. Phil Waddell (4.1) and Kirk Williams (1.2) round out the opening quintet in the backcourt.

**IDAHO STATE (Big Sky)**—The Bengals came on strong towards the end of last year's schedule and finished 10-15. Coach Claude Retherford has only lost 5-11 Jerry Mosser (8.0) and he is counting on experience to produce a better won-lost mark. The forward will be 6-5 Charlie Parkes (19.2), who was a first team all-conference selection, and 6-5 Ralph McGee (7.6). In the middle is 6-5 Ed Wilson (10.8) while the backcourt starters are Ron Boone (22.3), another all-conference pick and Wilson Terrell, who only had a 1.1 mark. Tim Olson, a 6-5 redshirt could step in and replace Terrell.

**ILLINOIS (Big Ten)**—The Fighting Illini was 12-12 last year but seven members of that team are lost. Richie Jores, a 6-6 forward who poured in 24.4 points a game, and 6-0 Jim Dawson (21.7), are the toughest to replace. Jones had been declared ineligible in the investigation that rocked the Big Ten School last season. Rookie coach Harv Schmidt must go with Less Busboom (4.6) at one forward spot and 6-2 sophomore Mike Price, who averaged 19 points with the freshmen, at the other. Dave Scholz, a 6-7 1/2 junior, will be in the middle. He averaged 20.5 points and 10.9 rebounds last winter. The guards are 6-4 soph Randy Crews, 18.3 as a freshman, and either of two holdovers, 6-2 1/2 Ben Louis (3.7) or 6-3 Denny Pace (3.9) in the other spot.

**INDIANA (Big Ten)**— "We lose two from the team which shared the conference title and if the sophomores fit in with the lettermen and we play the type of team game, we will be tough once again." That is the statement of Lou Watson who feels that the Hoosiers more than hold their own in the always tough league play. Graduated from a team that was 18-8 are 6-6 Jack (9.0), 6-4 Erv Inniger (13.5) and 6-2 Bill Russell (8.8). All-conference selection Butch Joyner, who is 6-4 and averaged 18.5, is the key holdover. He will be up front with a 6-6 sophomore, Ken Johnson (19.3 with freshmen). Bill DeHeer (9.1), a 6-8 junior, is the middle man. Playmakers are 5-10 Vern Payne (15.7) and soph. Joe Cooke (26.7). A quartet of newcomers figure to give Watson some help off the bench and this is why he is optimistic. They are 6-4 Mike Niles (14.7), 6-3 John Isenbar-

Keith Hochstein  
Holy Cross



Tom Burke  
Iona



Don Chaney  
Houston



Charles Parks  
Idaho State





ger (14.0), 6-6 Mike Noland (9.3) and 6-3 Rick Atkinson (8.0).

**INDIANA STATE (Indiana Collegiate)**—If defense improves, the Sycamores could improve on the record of the last two seasons, 22-6 and 21-5, respectively. Lost from last year's club are 6-4 Butch Wade (21.1), 5-11 Rickie Edgerton (10.3) and 5-10 Jim Crone (8.8). Dan Chitwood, a 6-3 sophomore with an 18.9 average as a freshman, is the only newcomer to break in the starting line-up. He will be backcourt with 6-1 Mike Copper (2.2) while 6-4 Jerry Newsom (22.8) is in the pivot. Up front are 6-8 Richie Mason (11.3) and 6-6 Fred Hardman (4.3). For reserves there is a pair of 6-6 juniors, Jerry Novak (3.3) and Ken Hass (1.9).

**IONA (Metropolitan, Middle Eastern)** The Gaels, under Jim McDermott, continue the rebuilding job started last season. Coming off a 5-15 record in 1965-66, they boosted the mark to 11-10 last winter. Gone from that squad are Haggerty Award winner Bob LaRusso (16.4), the team's second leading scorer, backcourt starter Kevin McCulloch (7.2) and a key reserve, Phil Trombino (2.5), who signed a baseball contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. Returning is the top point maker and an excellent playmaker and team leader, Bob McMahon (17.7). He is joined by 6-7 Kurt Dorfi (10.5), who also was the No. 1 rebounder (13.4), and another top backcourt man, Tom Burke (9.1), who also can go up front since he is 6-3. McDermott, whose team has one of the roughest schedules in the school's history, looks for help from several promising sophomores. Heading the group are a pair of 6-5 forwards, Al Kindelmann and Bill McGugins. Others are 6-4 Tony Morgan, 6-3 Jim Bodkin, 6-3 Eric Long and 6-2 Brian Spears.

**IOWA (Big Ten)** — The success of the Hawkeyes depends on the development of 6-10 sophomore Joe Bergman, who was 14.7 with the freshmen. He is inexperienced but not clumsy and coach Ralph Miller is hoping to be in the thick of things in the conference thanks to him. Departed from last year's 18-8 squad are 6-3 Tom Chapman (16.8) and 6-4 Gerry Jones (18.6). Up front will be 6-6 senior Huston Breedlove (8.4) and 6-3 Sam Williams (22.6), a conference all-star. In backcourt there is experience in 6-3 Ron Norman (6.6) and 6-3 Chris Phillips (5.7). From the freshman team is 6-2 playmaker Chad Calabia (20.4) and two forwards, 6-5 Tom Schulze (11.8) and Dick Jensen (8.0).

**JACKSONVILLE (Independent)**—Playing for the second year in the University Division of the NCAA, Jacksonville University will find the going rough. The Dolphins lost big Dick Pruet, the 6-9 center who was much sought-after by the pro leagues. Joining Pruet in the graduation ceremonies were Gene Martineau, the team's leading rebounder, and Danny Lee, the team's fourth leading scorer and a starter for three years. Returning for the Dolphins will be high-scoring Wayne (The Pain) Kruer a slender 6-4 guard who has started for the Jacksonville five for the past two seasons. The team received a good deal of leadership during the last part of the season

**KANSAS (Big Eight)**—Ted Owens looks for the Jayhawks to improve on last season's 23-4. His only real loss was 6-7 Ron Franz (12.4). Leading the holdovers is everybody's all America, 6-3 Jo-Jo White, a playmaker who had a 14.4 average. He will be joined by 6-3 sophomore Rick Bradshaw (16.3). The pivot assignment goes to 6-9 sophomore Greg Douglas, a freshman last year who did not see action because he was not on a scholarship. Vernon Vanoy, 6-8 junior who was "Sophomore of the Year" in the conference with an 8.3 average, and 6-6 Rodger Bohnenstiehl (16.4), a conference all-star, are up front. Helping the bench will be three sophomores, 6-7 Jim Hoffman (11.4), 6-4 Chester Lawrence (19.1) and 6-2 Carl Janis (11.3).

**KANSAS STATE (Big 8)**—The entire Big 8 will be stronger this year, and this may bring the Wildcats down a notch or two from their 17-8 year in '66-'67. Steve Honeycutt, a junior, may be the best player on the entire squad. His scoring average was a diminutive 8.6 last season, but coach Tex Winter predicts that he may be one of the finest guards in the conference. Freshman ace Jeff Webb (20.3) may hook up with Honeycutt in the backcourt, though senior Ray Willis (5.1) can not be discounted. Two other sophomore guards hit double figures last year—Greg Dickerson (11.5) and Wheeler Hughes (12.3). Monstrous Nick Pino (7-1, 270) is a possibility at center, but red-shirt Mike Barber (6-11) showed speed and a competitive zeal. Earl Seyfert, 6-7 13.8 and the high scorer, will be at one forward spot, while Fred Arnold is given the edge over transfer Gene Williams, Doug Dodge, Dennis Weinhold and Kent Litton at the other. Louie Small and Mitchell Third, up from Stockton Junior College, will also help the Wildcats.

**KENTUCKY (Southeastern)**—Adolph Rupp is not accustomed to last year's 13-13 record and even though he lost two All-Americans, 6-0 Lou Dampier (20.6) and 6-3 Pat Riley (17.4), he expects to make a big climb. The reasons why are sophomores, two of whom will break into the starting lineup. Up front is 6-8 Dan Issel, who averaged 20.8 with yearlings, and 6-3 playmaker Mike Casey (23.5). The other soph is 6-3 Mike Pratt, who had 20.1 average. The Freshmen went 18-2 and were considered the best crop since the Cliff Hagen-Frank Ramsey crew that developed an undefeated unit when they were seniors in 1954. The other forward will be 6-5 Thad Jaracz (11.3), who was top rebounder with an 8.3 average. In the pivot is 6-8 Cliff Berger (11.3) while completing the backcourt is 6-0 Phil Argento (5.2).

**LAFAYETTE (Middle Atlantic)**— There is no place to go but up for the Leopards after season's 4-21. . . and the prospects for doing that seem good. Nick Azzolina (12.9), a 6-1 guard, is the player lost through graduation. Holdovers seem set at every spot and three sophomores should help on the bench. Bob Clements (10.6) and Bill Tweardy (6.6), who go 6-5 and 6-6, respectively, are up front, while 6-5 Bob Cole (5.2) is in the middle. The playmakers are George Lefkowsky (12.0) and Vic Caola (5.6). Mike Miller (20.1), Bob Newman (14.4) and Bob

Roger Bohnenstiehl  
Kansas



Earl Seyfert  
Kansas State



Thad Jaracz  
Kentucky



"Butch" Joyner  
Indiana



Waller (11.1) comprise the trio moving up from the frosh squad. They join two holdovers—6-3 Bill Kiriloff (2.7) and 6-2 Joe Stalevicz (5.2) to provide the depth.

**LA SALLE (Middle Atlantic)**— Jim Harding makes his debut as coach of the Explorers, who were a big disappointment last year with a 14-12 mark. Finding a replacement for 6-0 Hubie Marshall, the greatest three-year scorer in the school's history, is the toughest job. Also to be replaced is 6-4 George Paul (14.5), who always gave a steady performance. Up front will be 6-5 Larry Cannon (18.7), a junior, and probably 6-3 Dave Ervin (5.7). The middle man is 6-6 Stan Wlodarczyk (6.9), a 6-6 junior who started slowly and showed great improvement toward the end of the campaign. Backcourt is 6-3 Bernie Williams (14.2) and 6-3 soph Stan Witalec (19.4).

**LEHIGH (Middle Atlantic)** — The Engineers missed a .500 record last year, winding up 11-12. Gone from that team is the quarterback, 5-11 Pat Howlett who scored 315 points. The starting team finds 6-1 Bob Bownow, who had a 5.6 average, and 6-3 Bob Mallimonson up front, while the pivot man will be 6-5 Bob Lowman, who set a school rebounding record with 286. He also was top scorer with a 16.5 average. Playmakers will be 5-8 Pete Albert (6.1) and 5-8 Jack Tranter, who saw limited action and only had a 1.4 average.

**LIU (Metropolitan)** — The loss of one of best backcourt men in the East, Barry Leibowitz (15.3), and of another starter, George Barbezat (11.8), does not have Roy Rubin moaning. Matter of fact he expects to have a stronger club than last year's 22-7 but the record may indicate it since Niagara, Connecticut and Duquesne have been added to the schedule. Bill Foley, who was 20.5 with the freshmen, should fill the gap left by Leibowitz, while lettermen are in the other spots. Newbold (14.4), all-Met and all-Tri-State, is alongside Foley, while in the pivot is 6-6 Luther Green (15.7 and 12.7 in rebounding). Cliff Culuko (9.0) figures to be up front although 6-4 Rod White (14.2) and 6-7 Mike Cannata, good looking soph prospects, might have something to say before long.

**LOUISIANA STATE (Southeastern)**— The Fighting Tigers were anything but that last year as evidenced by their 3-23 record. Because of and shooting potential Press Maravich looks for some degree of improvement, although the way things stand he be relying on an all sophomore team for his starting lineup. Up front will be Drew Corley (10.1) and Richy Hickman (21.3) while in the middle is Randy Lamont (7.3). The playmakers are Pete Maravich, the coach's son who had a sizzling 43.6 average with the yearlings and Jeff Tribbett (13.2). The freshmen had a 17-1 record last year, but Maravich is the first to realize the sophomores do not have the experience for the always tough Southeastern Conference.

**LOUISVILLE (Missouri Valley)** — Peck Hickman bowed out as the coach this summer after leading the Cardinals to a 23-3 record. Gone from that team are 6-2 Dave Gilbert (9.8) and 6-7 John Liedtke (4.5). The big man on the squad and the one who carries the hopes for a conference crown is 6-8 all-American Westley Unseld who also was the conference's "Athlete of the Year." He had an 18.4 scoring-average and pulled down 504 rebounds for a 19.4 mark in that department. He should play up front but if Jerry King, a 6-5 who had a 10.4 scoring average, does not come through in the middle, there may be a switch to that spot. Butch Beard, a 6-3 junior with a 20.9 point production mark, is the other forward. Fred Holden (13.2), is one of the guards and the other assignment could go to 6-3 sophomore Joe Gromada, 6-1 Ellis Bryant, a veteran who saw limited action, or 6-0 Gordon Minn, who also fits in the same category.



George Lefkowsky  
Lafayette



Dave Ervin  
LaSalle

**LOYOLA OF CHICAGO (Independent)**—There were no seniors on last year's squad which went 14-9 and coach George Ireland figures to put his team into a post season tournament this time because of the experience. Up front will be 6-2 Corky Bell (16.2) and 6-2 Bill Baumgartner (9.4). Jim Tillman, a 6-5 center who was the 10th leading scorer in the country with a 24.7 average, is back in pivot while Doug Wardlaw (13.2), who is 5-11, will be one of the playmakers. The other is an outstanding 5-10 Walter Robertson, who averaged 25.9 with the freshman squad that went 14-2. Two frontcourt men from that team, 6-3 Wade Fuller (19.6) and 6-2 Fred Warren (14.9), provide the makings of a strong bench. Fuller averaged 10 rebounds a game, and came to Loyola from Central High in South Bend, Ind., where he was an All-American.

**LOYOLA OF NEW ORLEANS (Independent)**—Whether or not Ron Britsch, a 5-10 playmaker who averaged 15.1 returns to the squad is the key for the Wolfpack. Britsch had been thinking about entering dental school and giving up basketball to concentrate on the books. With him gone, 6-3 Earl Butler, who averaged 25.0 with the freshmen, figures to play alongside holdover Charlie Powell (15.1). In the middle will be 6-7 Dan Bell (6.0), while up front will be Tom Sutherland (4.9), who is 6-4, and 6-8 Bill Mazerall (6.3). Also available up front is 6-9 Bill O'Brian (2.0), who saw limited action behind 6-7 Lee Freeman, who has graduated.

**MAINE (Yankee)**—Brain McCall lost his leading scorer, Terry Carr (21.9) from a team that was 8-12 last year. Also gone are 6-5 center Dave Hale (8.6) and 5-10 playmaker Fred Woods (5.2). He is counting on 6-4 John Eisenhard (5.9) and 6-3 Jim Stephenson (20.8), who was an all state selection, to handle the assignments up front. 6-4 junior Hugh Campbell (2.2), who saw very little action, is expected to take over from

Bob Lowman  
Lehigh



Fred Holden  
Louisville







**Jim Stephenson**  
Maine



**Bob Allen**  
Marshall

Hale. Tom Lane, a 6-0 guard with a 22.2 average on the freshman team, figures to break in the backcourt with Tom Farro (8.0). Russ Vickery (15.6) and John Linnehan (15.2) are a pair of sophomores who should form the nucleus of a bench with 5-9 Mark McGuire, a good ball handler who is transferring from Colby, and 6-4 Greg Burns, who sat out last season.

**MANHATTAN (Metropolitan)**—Ken Norton feels that he has a good replacement for the graduated 6-7 Bob Chlupsa (16.9) in 6-5 sophomore John Marren, who averaged 28 points with the freshmen. Marren works well in the pivot and is a top rebounder. Grady O'Malley, a 6-5 junior who came along strong at the end of last year's 13-8 season, averaging 8.9, will be up front with another holdover, 6-4 Marty Baietti (17.7). Backcourt are two more veterans, Bill Goodfellow, the squad's leading scorer at 19.1, and Al Orlando (5.2).

**MARQUETTE (Independent)**—The loss of 6-2 playmaker Bob Wolf (18.4) should be felt in the early stages by the Warriors, who were 21-9 last year and surprised everybody by finishing second in the NIT. However, Al McGuire has a capable replacement in 6-2 Jack Burke, a transfer from Dallas (Texas) Junior College. Otherwise the former pro player finds himself with four holdovers in the remainder of the starting line-up. Up front is 6-2 George Thompson (18.0), and 6-6 Brian Brunkhorst (11.8). A sophomore, 6-4 Joe Thomas (14.8 with the freshmen) and veteran Pat Smith (5.8), a 6-3 junior, figure to battle it out for the middle spot. Backcourt with Burke will be letterman Brad Luchini (5.2) or another newcomer, 6-3 soph Jeff Sewell (16.2). Ron Rahn, a 6-3 graduate from the freshman team where he averaged 15.2, gives McGuire a good reserve up front.

**MARSHALL (Mid American)**—The Thundering Herd sur-

prised everyone last year by grabbing third place in the NIT. The men from Marshall are likely to stampede into the Top 10 nationally this season, as the starting quint is back and buoyed by three outstanding players up from the frosh. George Stone, who led the minor miracle in the NIT, made the first team MAC team as well as the all-star tourney five. His 24.4 is part of the reason why. Bob Redd is just 6-3, but his driving and jumping prowess frees him as a "swing man" forward-guard. He averaged 17.0 last year, and made the first-team MAC. Bob Allen's 69 rebounds in the NIT proved that he was a capable pivot man, and Jim Davidson and Dan D'Antoni fill out the guard spots. Forward Rick Hall (22.3) and guards Phil Kazee (14.8) and Larry Osborne (16.5) excelled with the freshmen, and add bench strength to Ellis Johnson's unit.

**MARYLAND (Atlantic Coast)**—Frank Fellows will be depending on a good crop of sophomores to try and better last year's 11-4 record. There is a chance that three sophs might start. One of them is 6-6 Willy Hetzel, 19.2 with the freshmen, younger brother of the former All-America from Davidson. The other two are guards 6-3 Tom Milroy (17.5) and 6-4 Bill Sullivan (17.0). Up front are holdovers Billy Jones (11.6) and Pete Johnson (13.0). Fellows expects the Terps to improve on last season's 64.9 scoring average, and is hopeful of getting over 70.

**MEMPHIS STATE (Missouri Valley)** Hank Iba expects the Tigers to have an excellent team this winter but there is no guarantee of bettering last season's 17-9 which also included competition in the NIT. Seven lettermen returned from that squad including Mike Butler, a 6-1 playmaker who has a 17.1 average. He must rate for All America honors since he has a career total of 925 points and two MVP awards from holiday tournaments and berths on several all star teams to his credit. Butler's mate at guard also is returning. He is 6-2 Mike Stewart (6.9). Chuck Neal, a 6-6 center who was 12.7 in scoring and who pulled down 166 rebounds in 26 games, returns at that spot while the fourth letterman in the starting lineup is 6-4 forward Jim Hawkins (4.4), the No. 2 man off the boards with 9.2. The most important returnee in terms of possible success is 6-8 Mackie Smith who was lost after seven games because of a knee injury. Coming up from the freshman team and fighting for the other assignment up front is Pat Beveridge and Iba also was hopeful of landing a junior college transfer to be a candidate for that spot.

**MIAMI OF FLORIDA (Independent)**—The hurricanes will be without veteran coach Bruce Hale for the first time in many seasons. Lost from last winter's 15-11 squad are 6-6 Mike Witman (22.3), 5-11 Rick Jones (12.3) and 5-10 Junior Gee (10.6). The Florida school is banking on 6-7 Jerry Stevenson, who had a 24 point average with the freshmen, to move into the starting lineup up front with 6-6 holdover Rusty Parker (12.6). In the middle will be 6-8 Billy Soens (17.5), a 6-8 senior while backcourt will be two sophs, 6-0 Bill Donnelly (22.0) and 6-2 Don Curnutt (23.0).

**MIAMI OF OHIO (Mid American)**—Taylor Locks expects the Redskins to be tougher than last year when they went 14-10. One of the reasons why is 6-8 sophomore Terry Martin, a strong rebounder who averaged 15.7 in scoring with the freshmen. He will be in the pivot and is the only newcomer to crack the starting five. Up front is 6-4 Fred Foster (21.3), a senior who was all-conference and also the MVP in the Motor City tournament. He will be joined by 6-4 Frank Lukacs (8.4). Backcourt are 6-1 Phil Stillings (4.1) and 5-8 Phil Snow (9.9). Two sophomores who should give plenty of help are 6-4 Glen Pryor (11.2) and 6-2 Ron Snyder (10.1). Another duo expected to form the nucleus of the reserves are 6-4 Bob Carlton, a redshirt who was ineligible last year, and 6-2 Steve Barnett, a junior college transfer.

**Mike Butler**  
Memphis State



**Fred Foster**  
Miami





**FOOTBALL OR BASKETBALL?** Michigan State's John Bailey (r.) seems to have the two confused, as he stalks Minnesota's Wayne Berry.

**MICHIGAN (Big Ten)**—The Wolverines, who dropped from a title role to the cellar in one season, should be on the upswing again. Last year the overall record was 8-16 as against 2-12 in the Big Ten. Chief returnee is Jim Pitts, who averaged 16.5. He is a senior and will be joined by Ken Maxey or Mike Maudrell. Maxie has the edge on the strength of his 11.2 scoring average. Two sophomores will be up front, 6-7 Rudy Tomjanovich, who averaged 25.6 with the freshmen, and 6-10 Mike Lawson who had a 19.3. Dennis Stewart, a 6-7 junior, will return as the other forward. He averaged 14.9 and is getting quite a battle from 6-3 soph Rick Bloodworth (16.5) and holdover Bob Sullivan (11.2), who is 6-4.

**MICHIGAN STATE (Big Ten)**—The Spartans do not figure to claim the Big Ten co-championship this year, and the big reason is the big man—Matt Aitch, ace center lost through graduation. Heywood Edwards gives away height (6-5 to 6-7) and scoring 7.4 to 16.3) in attempting to replace Aitch, but he will probably be in the pivot at the opening tap-off. The only other big man is Gerald Geistler (6-8, 1.0). On the brighter side, coach John Bennington boasts a fledgling All-American in Lee Lafayette, a 6-6 forward. Lee made the second team All-Big-Ten as a sophomore last year, and was second in scoring (14.8) and first in rebounding for the Spartans. John Holms will be asked to play the other corner with Jim Gibbons and Bernard Copeland in the wings. Last year's starting guards, John Bailey (8.0) and Steve Rymal (11.4) are ready for their second straight season as a unit. Harrison Stepter, a transfer from Moberly JC, will also see action in the backcourt. Michigan State will have to improve on its shooting from the floor and the foul line to remain on top in the Big Ten, though.

**MIDDLEBURY (Independent)**—The Panthers lost four seniors, two of them—6-3 Pete Roby (11.1) and 5-7 Dave Nicholson (6.4)—starters. That is tough enough for coach Gerry Alaimo, but consider the fact that last year's record was only 1-22. Five lettermen are expected to fill the starting berths and four sophs have a crack at ousting one or more. Vets are 6-2 Rick Minton (11.4) and 6-2 Bob Reed (5.4) up front, 6-3 Jack Freshman (5-9) in the pivot and Dave Vanier (16.1) and Kevin Ducey (12.1) in the backcourt. Kris Korn, Gene Oliver, Bill Collins (tallest at 6-4) and Ed Dunn are the four up from the frosh.

**MISSISSIPPI (Southeastern)**—Only sophomore Danny Dossett, who goes 6-5 and who can play frontcourt or guard, has a

**Chet Carroll**  
Navy



**John Tolmie**  
Navy





chance of cracking a veteran starting line up that posted a 13-12 record last year. The Rebels look like 6-5 Ken Turner (14.4) and 6-6 Dale Stevens (9.4) as forwards while 6-8 Jerry Brawner (14.5) is in the middle. Playmakers are Larry Martindale (11.9) and Eddy Miller (11.0). Dossett, a transfer from Rice, has the shooting ability to make the Rebels 20 percent better than last winter. However, the schedule is a little bit tougher than last season when the final record was the best in the last six years.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE (Southeaster)**—Five Lettermen, three of them starters, have left the Bulldogs, who went 14-11 last campaign. Lost were 6-3 Gary Washington (11.8), 6-4 John Saper (9.2), 6-0 Bud Walden (8.7), 6-9 Herb Biggs (4.7) and 6-7 Charlie Cres (4.5). All-conference selection Dave Williams (15.7), a 6-8 senior, is the big man for coach Joe Dan Gold. The other forward will be 6-5 Tom Payne (8.1). In the middle is 6-7 redshirt Jim Martin, while in the backcourt will be two lettermen, 6-5 Chuck Wade (4.5) and 6-4 Manuel Washington (5.2). Two sophs who could come along before the mid-season mark are 6-0 playmaker Al Pruet (16.4) as a freshman, and 6-7 John Guyton (14.2). Another redshirt who should help is 6-4 Bubba Walker. The front line should be stronger than last winter but Gold is concerned over the Bulldog's defense and lack of experience in the backcourt.

**MINNESOTA (Big Ten)**—Although the freshman squad did not produce much in the way of depth, John Kundla looks for the Gophers to improve last season's 9-15. Lost from that team is 6-5 Paul Presthus (11.1). Leading the holdovers is 6-7 center Tom Kondla, who averaged 24.9 and led the Big Ten in scoring. He also was the highest scorer ever at Minnesota. Up front will be 6-4 Leroy Gardner (11.3) and a sophomore, 6-5 Larry Overskei. Veteran Wayne Barry (10.5) goes backcourt with either 6-1 soph Roger Schelper or 6-3 letterman Richie Miller. (6.7).

**MONTANA STATE (Big Sky)**—Roger Craft saw his team go 14-11 last year and he has lost three good double figure scorers from that squad. Gone are 6-5 Tom Strom (18.5), 6-3 Bill Gillespie (12.6) and 6-3 Jim Moffitt (12.2). Once again junior college help seems to be the salvation for the Bobcats who boast the No. 2 center in the country. He is Jack Gillespie who is 6-9 1/2 and who averaged 19.5 while making the conference all-star team and the all-tournament team from the Oklahoma City Classic. Greg Harris, who is 6-6 and had a 7.7 average as a sophomore, is set as one forward while Warren Daniels (5.0) who is 6-3, must battle two sophs, Don Luce (18.1) and Bob Srnkovich (13.1) for the other spot. The backcourt men will be holdover men Jim Kernaghan, who saw limited action last season, and 6-1 soph Greg Pauley, who averaged 10.9 with the yearlings. Gillespie, who is rated right behind Lew Alcindor in the mind of Craft, is only a junior and is the big hope for the Bobcats after the experience he gained as a soph.

**MOREHEAD STATE (Ohio Valley)**—The Eagles, as coach Bob Wright sees it, will be stronger than in recent years. Last campaign they were 18-8 and lost from that team are 6-0 playmaker Jim Sandfoss (16.2), 6-5 Bruce King (11.2) and 6-6 Charles Adams (9.2). However, the Eagles pick up three red shirts, 6-5 Jerry Umberger, 6-7 Glen Bradt and 6-4 Ron Gathright. However, none of them figure to crack the starting lineup at the beginning of the season. One newcomer who will be 6-2 Bobby Hiles, a transfer from Kentucky. He will go backcourt with letterman Jerry Conly (9.5), who also is 6-2. In the pivot is 6-7 Willie Jackson (13.3), while the front men will be 6-5 Larry Jordan (12.0) and 6-7 Lamar Green (6.2).

**MUHLBERG (Middle Atlantic)**—The Mules, who are able to use freshmen, are going to depend a great deal on them for depth if they are to better last year's 9-13 record. Graduated are 5-8 Carl Buchholz (11.0) and 6-1 Bill Dunkel (17.8). Mike Miller (13.3) and Mike Mathey (6.3) are up front but there is a definite lack of height since Miller is the bigger of the two at 6-1. Tom Hennessy (4.8), Tom Burkholder (0.6) and Tom Barlow (8.1) complete the starting unit.

**MURRY STATE (Ohio Valley)**—The Thoroughbreds went 14-9 last winter and coach Al Luther must find replacements for 6-4 Herb McPherson (21.8) and Don Duncan (14.5) a 5-10 playmaker. The forwards figure to be Dick Haverstock, a 6-4 junior who averaged 10.8, and Jim Stocks, who is three inches taller but who only had a 5.1 mark. Up front will be 6-10 Dick Cunningham, the nation's leading rebounder and owner of a 15.0 scoring average. Playmakers will be Billy Chumbler (16.2) and 6-1 Don Funneman, who is a sophomore playing varsity ball after a hitch in the service. Last year the Thoroughbreds were the fourth highest scoring team in the country with a 89.1, but Luther does not figure his club will reach that mark this year because of the loss of McPherson and Duncan. He looks for the defense to be much stronger, though.

**NAVY (Independent)**—Dave Smalley has five starters returning from last year's squad which went 8-10. The Middies, who started the campaign with only one letterman, Hugh Kilmartin, in the first five, went right down to the final game against Army before dipping below .500. Kilmartin, who is 6-3, averaged 9.5 and he will be in backcourt this time with 6-0 Hank Schmidt (11.0). The front line has 6-3 John Tomie, the leading point man with a 17.5 average, and 6-2 Chet Carroll (15.0). The pivot man is 6-6 Dave Spooner (8.7). He is also the top rebounder. Charlie Provini, used mainly in a reserve role last campaign when he averaged 4.8, has a shot at replacing Schmidt in the backcourt.

**NEBRASKA (Big Eight)**—Joe Cipriano expects a strong team for the coming season since Nate Branch (12.8) and Willie

Hank Schmidt  
Navy



Steve Rymal  
Michigan State



John Bailey  
Michigan State



Willie Jackson  
Morehead State



Campbell (8.4) are the only losses through graduation from a squad that wound up 16-9. The starting five looks like Tom Baack (16.7) who is 6-5 and was a second team all-conference selection, and 6-6 Roger Leitner (3.1). The middle man probably will be 6-5 soph Bob Gratopp, but with the experiments Cipriano has in mind, that could change and maybe 6-10 Charlie Stone might fit into the picture even though he did not score much last winter. Gratopp had a 16.0 average with the yearlings. Also from the sophomore ranks comes Tom Scantelbury, a 6-3 playmaker who averaged 27.8. He will be joined by 6-3 holdover Jim Damm (3.6).

**NEW MEXICOSTATE (Independent)**—Lou Henson makes no bones about the fact that he expects the Aggies to be much improved on last year's 15-11 record. Gone from that team is 6-1 John Gambil (13.3) but his forward spot is being filled by 6-6 sophomore John Burgess, 13.0 with the freshmen. Sam Lacey, a 6-9 soph, (21.0) is going to take over in the pivot while another first-year man, 6-2 Jim Collins (22.0), goes backcourt with holdover Paul Landis (9.8). Also available up front is 6-7 soph Tom Las (15.0) and 6-6 holdover Dick Collins (5.0). The added height and scoring makes Henson confident of making the NCAA playoffs for the second straight year.

**NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (Independent)**—The Bears, under Hank Jacobson, had their second straight winning season with an 11-8. They did it with one starter, 6-3 Bob Holzman (9.2), missing the entire second half while 6-7 Rudy Bennett (17.2), was out of action for the final six games with injuries. Holzman, who was 20.2 as a sophomore, is expected to finish out his career in backcourt with Kenny Kutschkau (7.3). Bennett will be in the pivot and 6-2 Whitney Campbell (10.6) and Perry Smith (5.6), a 6-4 senior who has been the sixth man for the last two campaigns, will be up front. Alex Langel (5.0), a 6-3 senior, and 5-11 Clyde Brown who averaged 27.3 with the freshmen, figure to be the best reserves.

**NYU (Independent)**—Last season the Violets went 10-16 for the first losing year in nine for coach Lou Rossini. Things will not be much better this winter since Mal Graham and Stan Kaplan, who provided over 60 per cent of the scoring, have graduated. Rossini is banking on Jim Miller (11.0), the only other double figure scorer remaining, for the scoring punch. Sophomores Paul Dobleman, Dolph Porrata, Jim Signorile, Jerry Armfield and John Kasanjian should fill out most of the remaining spots. Charlie Silen and Gary Witrock, both seniors who saw limited action last year, are the only other veterans given a chance to start. Silen averaged 8.7 while Witrock was only 2.6. Dobleman topped the freshmen scorers with a 17.9 while Porrata was next at 16.4. The Violets have pulled out of the Met conference and are now going independent and will be playing in two tournaments—the Virginia-Virginia Tech Invitational and the Hurricane Classic.

**NORTH CAROLINA (Atlantic Coast)**—Dean Smith guided the Tar Heels to the NCAA semi-finals and a final record of 26-6. However he has lost two outstanding guards in Bob Lewis a starter, who averaged 18.5 and reserve Tom Gauntlett (4.1). However, he has Dick Grubar (9.2), a holdover, and sophomore Ed Fogler (14.1), as their replacements. Another soph, 6-4 Charlie Scott, 24.2 with the freshmen, seems certain to crack the starting lineup up front with All-American 6-3 Larry Miller (22.0). For the middle there is 6-10 Rusty Clark (14.0), who was an all-conference selection. He will be spelled by 6-8 Bill Bunting (7.7), who was noted for coming off the bench so many times last winter. The schedule is as tough, if not tougher, and Smith almost makes it mandatory that there is an improvement.



NYU's Charlie Silen (no. 42) has everyone's attention while Bob Wolf lands.

Newton Scott (no. 23) spikes All-American Larry Miller.





**NORTH CAROLINA STATE (Atlantic Coast)** Jerry Moore, a 6-7 center-forward, who averaged 10.7, is the only real loss from a team that was 7-19 last year. Coach Norman Sloan picks up Eddy Biedenbach, a 6-2 playmaker who missed all of last year because of a back operation. Two seasons ago he averaged 16.2 to lead the Wolfpack in that department and he made the all-conference team. Joining him figures to be 5-9 Nick Trifunovich (10.8), who handled the playmaking last season. However, he is being pushed by Nelson Isley, a 6-4 soph who lead the freshmen with a 22.2 average. Bill Kretzer, who is 6-7 and who played both forward and center in the late season, figures to stick in the middle this time. He averaged 11.7 and grabbed 7.2 rebounds. The forwards will be 6-4 Joe Serdich (8.5) and 6-4 Dick Braucher (11.1). Backing them are holdover Bill Mavredes (8.5), who is 6-4, and 6-6 soph Vann McLean.

**NORTH DAKOTA (North Central)** Jim Rodgers, the new coach, finds himself minus little All America Phil Jackson (27.4), Jim Hester (17.8) and Gerry Schultz (11.1) from a team that was 20-6 while winning the conference title for the third consecutive season. Overall the squad was 20-6. Rodgers inherits 6-5 Vern Praus (9.5), and Jim Burton (2.0) for the forward spots while in the middle will be 6-9 Dave Godfread (3.1). Playmakers are Al Jenkins (3.0) and Don Tweedie (1.5). These sophomores have excellent chances of cracking the starting lineup at as many different positions: for center there is Steve Gertsen, a 6-9 redshirt, while backcourt is 5-11 Evan Lips who was 20.0 with the frosh. The final member of the trio is 6-5 Gary Brell who averaged 21.1. This is definitely a rebuilding year but the Sioux could be tough by the time it comes around to defending the conference title in January.

**NORTHEASTERN (Independent)**—Northeastern may not be able to match last year's 22-4 mark, but they will come close. Gone are Richard Weitzman (12.7) and Jim McNaught (7.2), but the return of 6-4 Art Christopher, who sat out last year through an injury, will be a big boost. Art can cut it at forward or guard. Leo Osgood turned in a stellar first season, and was named the NCAA Division II Soph of the Year. He averaged 15.4 at guard. Harry Barnes, 6-3, will be the key around the key. He chipped in 12.6 in '66-'67. Captain Mike Wallent will direct the show from his forward post, while John Modest and Paul Swett (16.3, freshman) challenge for the other backcourt spot. Dauve Laudati, Robert Rook, Sirjohn Papageorge, and Carleton Chandler all gained game experience last year. A tougher schedule, though, may hide tangible improvement.

**NORTH TEXAS STATE (Missouri Valley)**—Coach Dan Spika saw his Eagles dip below .500 last season at 12-13, but his only real loss is 6-1 guard Rubin Russell, who averaged 21.6. A good crop of junior college transfers plus five holdovers makes the outlook look bright for the coming campaign. Two transfers, 6-5 Larry Bonzoumet from Riverside College in California and 6-3 LeRoy Winfield from St. Louis Baptist College, are going to be the starters up front. Two veterans, 6-6 Bill Cutter (11.6) and 6-7 Hamp Hazelton (11.5), are fighting it out in the middle. Wendell Hart, a 6-2 transfer from Dallas Baptist College, seems certain to land a berth in the backcourt while sophomore Neil Adams, who is 6-1, probably will be the other one. The freshmen did not play a schedule last year so Spika will have to give Adams a good look as well as another soph, 6-1 Roy Ford, and two more transfers, 6-3 Joe Stephens from Riverside and 6-3 Bob Baker from Wilson College in Kentucky. For the bench, the coach has Matt Huff, a 6-5 junior who averaged 6.7 and 5-11 Dough Willoughby, who had a 6.6 mark. The schedule is the toughest in the history of the school, for in addition to the conference opponents, the University of the Pacific, Creighton and Oklahoma City have been added. Also, there is the first appearance in the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu.



James Plump  
Northern Arizona



Leo Osgood  
Northeastern

**NORTHWESTERN (Big Ten)**—Loss of four of the top six scorers on last year's team that was in contention all year makes this look like a rebuilding season for Larry Glass. The Wildcats wound up with an 11-11 record and set eight records but gone from that squad is Jim Burns, who set two career marks with 1368 points and 522 field goals, Ron Kozlicki (14.4) and Walt Tiberi (8.6). Holdovers are 6-5 Mike Weaver, the leading rebounder at 10.4 and No. 2 point man behind Burns with 15.3. He probably will be in the middle while 6-4 Dan Davis (8.0) and Jim Cummings (8.5) are up front. Terry Gamber, a playmaker who average 10.5 as a sophomore, appears to be set in the backcourt, and he will be playing alongside Vernon Ford (2.8). Some talented sophomores are 6-4 Terry Hurley and a pair of centers, 6-6 Sterling Burke and 6-7 Jerry Sutton.

**NORTHERN ARIZONA (Independent)**—If four transfers come through, coach Herb Gregg expects the Lumberjacks to improve on last year's 15-11 record. Gone from that team is 6-3 Arnie Ramirez (10.6) and 6-7 Clarence Zimbrick (11.0). One of the transfers, 6-7 sophomore Ted Russell from Tuskegee Institute, is going to be in the pivot. The rest of the starting five figures to be holdovers. That means 6-4 Jim Plump (18.0) a 6-4 junior, and 6-6 senior Dick Williams (11.6) up front. Backcourt will be Lloyd Love (12.9) and 5-10 Stu Kelin (8.2). The other three transfers are playmakers and will be giving Love and Klein a tough battle. They are 6-2 Harry Reed from Vallejo JC, 6-2 Dan Roberson from Grossmont JC, and 5-10 Lee Talley from Antelope JC. All three are California schools.

**NOTRE DAME (Independent)**—Johnny Dee expects the Fighting Irish to be stronger than last year's 14-12 record since he used sophomores 6-5 Bob Arnzen (21.4), 6-7 Bob Whitmore (16.4) and 6-2 Dwight Mercy (10.4) in the starting line-up. The trio was responsible for a 12-5 record after January 1st. Arnzen will be up front with 6-4 Jim McKirchy (3.7) while Whitmore is in the pivot. Finding a partner for Mercy in the backcourt could be a problem. Hold-over Jim Derrig (5.4) has the job but he must fight off Mike O'Connell. The only real losses in personnel from last campaign were 6-3 Jim Monahan (8.4) and 6-5 Tom Caldwell (8.6), and they will be missed off the bench.

Bill Cutter  
North Texas



Eddy Biedenbach  
North Carolina State



**OHIO (Mid American)**—Jim Snyder is faced with a rebuilding job this time following last year's 8-15 record. Two players whom Snyder will work around are 6-3 Gerry McKee (17.7) in the backcourt and 6-8 center Fred Cluff (11.8). Also returning are a pair of forwards, 6-4 Larry Coon and 6-5 Mark McClintick. Sophomores who should help are 6-5 Bill Szabo, who had an 18.2 scoring and 10.3 rebounding average last season, 6-4 Doug Parker (15.8 and 13.3 off the boards) and 6-2 Ron Rippetoe. A sophomore who should rate among the best in the country as far as the Bobcats are concerned is John Canine, who averaged 25.8 as a freshman.

**OKLAHOMA (Big Eight)**—The Sooners have a new coach in 29-year-old John MacLeod who guided the freshmen to its best season in history last year. He is putting the emphasis on defense and looks for an improvement in last year's 8-17 overall record and sixth place finish in the conference. For the past five seasons, the Sooners have ranked no worse than fourth in offense, but on defense they have always been seventh and more often eighth. The starting lineup finds 6-3 Willy Rogers (16.5), and Larry Robertson a junior college transfer up front, 6-8 Don Sidle (23.7), in the middle and two sophomores, Paul Clear and Garfield Heard, in the backcourt. MacLeod feels that he has a definite All-America performer in Sidle who was the leading rebounder in the Big Eight's annual December tournament and who tied Rogers for second place in scoring.

**OKLAHOMA CITY (Independent)**—Better rebounding, more height and better inside scoring figure to make the Chiefs tougher than last year's 16-10 team which only has lost 6-1 Gary Gray (27.5). The forwards will be 6-3 Mel Workman (5.2) and 6-8 Houston Thomas (10.9). Will Watson, 6-8 transfer from Cameron Junior College, is going to be in the pivot. Sophomore Charlie Wallace, who is 6-5 and who averaged 27.3 with the freshmen, is one guard. The other is veteran Dick Travis, a 6-0 junior who went 21.1 last year to be the highest sophomore scorer in the school's history. Another transfer who should give plenty of help is 6-7 Ardell England, who is from Murray Junior College.



**Don Sidle**  
Oklahoma



**Ken Smith**  
Oregon

**OLD DOMINION (Mason-Dixon)**—Coach Sonny Allen has his entire starting team returning and, in addition, he picks up two good sophs. Thus, he feels that the Monarchs should be much improved over last winter's 14-12. The pair of sophs could crack the starting lineup. 6-3 Harry Lozon, who averaged 29.9 with the freshmen and who is 6-3, will be up front with veteran Dick Boyce, who average 11.8. The middle man will be 6-5 Ron Drews, who tallied 11.3 points each time out and who had a one-game high of 33 rebounds. Dick St. Clair, a 5-9 guard, is the other sophomore and he will be in the backcourt off his 26.7 average. Buttons Speakes, the MVP of the team with a 12.7 average, is his partner. For depth there are holdovers 6-3 Ken Hopkins (8.7), 6-2 Bob Creasman (9.2) and 5-10 Bill Turner (2.0).

**OREGON (AAWU)**—The Ducks were 9-17 and now are minus 6-2 Nick Jones (19.5), the sixth leading scorer in the school's history and 6-6 Bill Thomas (7.4). Steve Belko is hoping that 5-11 Mike Nicksic (3.9) can step in and fill the big vacancy left by Jones' graduation. He will be teamed up with 6-3 Rick Abramson (5.1). In the pivot is 6-7 John Pinkstaff (10.9) while up front are 6-4 Ken Smith (11.5) and 6-7 Jim Henry, a sophomore who was 19.4 with the Young Ducks. Another soph, 6-4 Dave Trukositz (16.3), should be able to help off the bench.

**Joe Allen slips off a pass to teammate L.C. Bowen as the Sooners of Oklahoma fall to Bradley, 114-88 in Peoria.**







**Rick Abramson**  
Oregon



**Gerald McKee**  
Ohio



**Arthur Speakes**  
Old Dominion



**Rich Travis**  
Oklahoma City

**OREGON STATE (Pacific Eight)**—The Beavers are coming off a .500 season, 14-14, and expect to be better because of four sophomores. Leading this quartet is seven-footer Vick Bartolome, who averaged 20.1 for the freshmen. He will be at the pivot spot and another soph, 6-9 Gary Freeman (13.6), joins holdover Loy Petersen (14.5), who goes 6-5, at the forward spot. A third soph, 5-8 Bill Nickleberry (14.0) is backcourt with 6-4 Vince Fritz (16.4). Coach Paul Valenti thinks the lack of experience may find the Beavers a year away.

**PAN AMERICAN (Independent)**—Coach Sam Williams seems to have found a replacement for 6-7 forward Tony Eatmon, who averaged 19.2 points last year when the Broncs went 15-9. He is 6-5 Fred Taylor, a sophomore who posted a brilliant 34.1 scoring average with the freshmen. Up front with Taylor will be 6-5 Roger Serio (4.5), although Ed Mathis, the same height, another sophomore, is going to give him a good fight after averaging 26.0 with the frosh. In the middle is 6-11 Otto R. Moore who averaged 21.3 points and 19.3 rebounds. He was 10th in the nation in the College Division of the NCAA last year off the boards. Playmakers will be 6-5 Dick Miasek, a senior who averaged 6.5 and 6-1 Ernie Azios, another senior, who had a 3.0 mark. Ken Jones (8.0) is a 6-0 soph who fits into the picture.

**PENNSYLVANIA (Ivy)**—Dick Harter expects an improved team over last year's 11-14 but the results in a win and loss column may not indicate that since the schedule is very tough. Gone from last winter's squad are 6-8 forward Frank Burgess (8.7) and 6-3 guard Bill Lohmeyer. Four lettermen will be in the starting lineup—6-10 Tom Mallison (9.2) and 6-2 Charlie Snell (12.1) up front while in the back court will be 6-0 Tom Northrup and either 6-5 Jeff Osowski (8.1) or 5-8 Steve Pear-sall (8.4). The middle man will be 6-8 sophomore Carl Robbins, who had a 12.5 scoring average with the freshmen. Two other sophs who should help tremendously are 5-9 playmaker Jim Murphy (18.7) with the frosh and 6-5 Jim Moore (11.7). Harter figures that defense will be a strong point and shooting as well as ballhandling, especially up front, are other major assets.

**PEPPERDINE (WCAC)**—It has been a long time since the Waves were a contender in the conference but this is the year coach Bob Dowell has been waiting for. The only loss from last year's 9-17 team is Tandy Holmes (10.5). Up front will be 6-9 all-conference selection Hal Grant (17.7) and 6-4 Steve Ebey (16.3). The middle man is 6-9 Ken Wilson, a transfer from Northeastern Christian where he averaged 23 points. Back-court is veteran Tim Flowers (12.5) and he is joined by a 6-4 soph, Tom Egerer (21.9 with the freshmen). Help should come from 6-4 Dayle Campbell, who sat out last year, 6-8 1/2 sophomore Dave Prather (16.1) and holdovers 6-2 Don Whitehouse (8.9), 6-4 Steve Brad (4.8) and 6-6 Jim Johnson (2.3).

**PITTSBURGH (Independent)**—The Panthers are shooting for a 50-50 season and that would be quite an accomplishment for Bob Timmons, whose club finished at 6-19 last campaign. Gone from that squad is 6-6 center Jim LaValley (11.9) and 6-1 playmaker Stan Falenski (10.0). Up from the freshman squad to play in the backcourt is 6-3 Bob Petrini (16.2) and Mike Patcher or Bob McFarland, both 6-5 who averaged 11.3 and 14.4 respectively. Holdovers are Ken Bollens (10.8) as a 6-4 forward while Charlie Hunt, another soph, will be in the middle. He is 6-7 and averaged 8.3. The fifth man is 6-2 Pete Smith (8.8).

**PRINCETON (Ivy)**—The Tigers are the team to beat again in the conference since there are four veterans returning in the starting line-up. Last year's record was 25-3 as the Nassau school gained the NCAA play-off. The only real loss from that squad is 6-7 Ed Hummer (9.9), but his brother, John, who is the same height and who averaged 15.8 with the yearlings, figures to take over. He will team up with John Haarlow (14.1), a second team all league selection. In the pivot is 6-9 Chris Thomford (15.1) who was all league and all NCAA tournament. Joe Heiser, a 6-2 playmaker who was the team's leading scorer with 15.1 as he made all league, and sophomore Jeff Petrie (22.8) are the guards. Two sophomores who should help on the bench are 6-8 Mike Mardy (15.2) and 6-2 John Arbogast (5.7). Veteran Dave Lawyer (5.8), a 6-2 guard, is another good reserve.

**PROVIDENCE (Independent)**—The big loss from last year's NIT team that finished with an overall 21-7 is All America

**Tony Koski of Providence and Brian Bunkhorst of Marquette fight for rebound.**



Jimmy Walker, who averaged 30.4. Another front liner gone through graduation is 6-4 Mike Riordan (14.1). Three sophomores are battling it out for the two spots up front. They are 6-5 Gerry McNair (15.5), 6-2 Walter Violand (15.1), and 6-5 Craig Callen (11.4). Tony Koskie, who goes 6-8, and who was 10.1 in point production, is in the middle, while backcourt will be 5-11 Al Hayes (11.5) and Don Henderson (2.3) or Stu Kerzner (5.4). The loss of Walker and Riordan means 44 points and coach Joe Mullaney is counting on a stronger defense to offset the usual big offense of the Friars.

**PURDUE (Big Ten)**—George King only has lost 6-0 guard Henry Ebershoff (15.0), from a team that went from 15-9. Seven of the top scorers from that squad are back and leading the parade is 6-3 Herman Gilliam (16.4), the Boilermakers' MVP. He will be up front with 6-6 1/2 Roger Blalock (12.3). The middle man is a seven-footer, sophomore Chuck Bavis who had a 12.1 average with the frosh. A real standout joining the varsity for the first time is 6-4 sophomore Rick Mount, who had a sizzling 35.0 average as a frosh. He set a school record with his 490 points and proved to be a sharp shooter from the field with a 54.5 percentage and also for a free throw line with an 84.4. He already has drawn much attention and should be one of the top sophomores in the country. Bill Keller, who goes 5-10 1/2 and who averaged 13.1, is the other guard. Defensively Purdue should be able to do an excellent job because of the experience but the big question mark is the inexperience of Davis.

**RICHMOND (Southern)**—Coach Lew Mills finds himself minus the entire starting lineup that registered a 12-13 record last year. Two of the graduation losses, 6-1 John Moates (25.0) and 6-6 Tom Green (20.2), were all-conference selections. Moates also was the "Player of the Year". Also lost were 6-8 Buster Batts (10.0), 6-4 Harvey Roberts (11.0) and 6-0 Bill McCann (5.0). For a starting unit Mills is going with 6-5 Terry Burgess (2.7) up front with sophomore John Jolmes (20.8 with the freshmen), who is 6-3; Frank Owen (14.2), a 6-7 soph or holdover 6-6 Wilton Ford (4.2); Kenny Foster (22.1), another newcomer, and 6-2 Picot Frazier, a 6.2 junior who was ineligible last year. As a freshman he averaged 17.0.

**RUTGERS (Independent)**—The Scarlet posted a 22-7 record last year while finishing third in the NIT. Bill Foster has lost his back court punch, 6-1 All American Bob Lloyd (27.9) and 6-0 Jim Valvano (18.1). Also gone is 6-5 forward Doug Clark (6.4). With the departure of the three, the Scarlet has lost more than 65 % of its scoring. Foster looks for 6-4 Barry Milankow (3.7) and 6-3 Jack Penhall (1.8) to step in and do the scoring. They are good shooters but were used sparingly last campaign. Up front will be 6-6 Bob Greacen (10.1) and Rich Harley (5.9). Doug Britelle, a 6-6 junior, who only averaged 2.7, will be fighting for the middle spot with 6-6 reserve Jim Smith (1.3) and 6-6 sophomore Paul Mayurnik. The loss of Lloyd and Valvano cannot be minimized but Foster still sees a tournament team on the horizon.

**SAN DIEGO STATE (California College A.A.)**—The Aztecs are coming off a 24-5 record and only lost 5-10 Gary McCoy (13.3). For that reason coach George Ziegenfuss expects to be stronger this time around. Little All America Bob Lundgren, who is 6-7 and who averaged 16.8, will be up front with 6-4 Dave Miller (10.1). Another little All America, 6-7 Al Skalecky (14.3), is the center, while Rick Eveleth (10.2), who was the MVP in the NCAA regional tournament, and Bob Clem (11.2) are the guards. Also in the picture at this spot is 6-0 Rip Barrett, who sat out last season because of injuries. Sophomores who should help Ziegenfuss have one of his strongest benches evdr are 6-7 Eric Martinsen (22.0 with the freshmen), 6-6 Ken Neun (16.5), Jim Nuss who goes 6-5 and was 10.9, and

6-4 John Skalecky (9.9). The shooting could be the best in the school's history and the defense is not far behind.

**SAN FRANCISCO (West Coast)**—The Dons went 13-12 last year and Larry Blum (3.8) hardly can be considered a loss since he did very little scoring. The rest of the squad is back intact and add to this several good sophomores and it is easy to understand why Phil Vukicevich is confident. Up front will be all-conference Dennis Black (19.3), who is 6-5 and 6-4 Don Snyder (15.3). In the pivot is 6-5 Tom Brown (14.0) although he is being pressed by 6-9 sophomore Pete Cross, who had a 17.4 scoring mark with the frosh. For playmakers the Dons are counting on 6-3 Art Wilmore (12.0) and Tom O'Neill (7.4) although this pair is being pressed by three sophs, 6-4 Richie Schaer (16.7), Richie Ames (12.9), who goes 6-0, and 6-2 Leroy Hogg (12.3).

**ST. BONAVENTURE (Little Three)**—It seems that the Bonnies must worry about surgical operations as much as putting the ball in the hoop for a successful year. Last season, in compiling a 13-9 record, Larry Weise's team lost 6-5 John Hayes after five games because of the necessity of corrective knee surgery, and Jim Satalin, a 6-2 playmaker, who did not see any action at all because of a vascular conditvsn next to his brain. Both of them have completely recovered and are being counted on for the starting lineup. Hayes will be up front while Satalin is going to handle a backcourt assignment. And that is where surgery enters the picture once again. Vince Martin a 6-3 junior who averaged 6.2 as a soph, was being counted on as the other guard. However, while attending summer school, he broke his ankle and now seems lost for the entire campaign. Fortunately for the Bonnie coach there are two sophomores to move into the picture, 6-0 Willie Mangham (17.1) and 5-11 Bill Kalbaugh (12.3). Bill Butler, who was 6-3 and who posted a 22.1 average in making the ECAC all-star team, will be up front with Hayes. Weise also has another sophomore for the fifth spot. He is 6-10 Bob Lanier, who averaged 30.1 with the frosh. The Bonnies were being counted on as a top team in the East but the loss of Martin could make things a little different.

**ST. FRANCIS, BROOKLYN (Metropolitan and Middle Eastern)**—Finding a replacement for center Gil Radday (22.5) and playmaker Al Fisher (23.1) are the biggest problems for Dan Lynch, whose Terriers went 14-8. Bob Christie (8.1) and Doug Smith (12.5), are the holdover front-liners while in the middle is 6-6 John McMahon (8.8). Returning in the backcourt are John Raftery (5.1) and Mike Mahoney (8.8). Sophs who should give Lynch a good bench are 6-6 Dan Gallagher (15.1), 6-3 Jim Sullivan (15.4) and 6-0 John Conforti (20.1).

**ST. FRANCIS OF LORETTO, Pa. (Western Pennsylvania)**—John Clark is going to find it difficult to improve on last season's 20-6 record but the Frankies should be one of the top teams in the East. The forwards are 6-5 Len Murray (17.2) and 6-8 Sam Harris (6.2). Murray was 17th in the country in field goal shooting last year. In the middle is 6-7 Larry Lewis (17.6) while backcourt finds 6-1 Norm Vanlier (16.7) and 6-7 Jim Kuten (1.5) or more likely 6-3 John Penwell (11.1). The Frankies also have a tough schedule, adding Western Kentucky, and Eastern Kentucky and Portland to go along with the likes of St. Joseph's and Duquesne. In addition they will be taking part in the Quaker City Festival.

**ST. JOHN'S (Independent)**—Lou Carnesecca has produced two tournament teams in as many seasons as a replacement for Joe Lapchick. However, a third straight is not seen at this time since Sonny Dove, a 6-8 All-American who averaged 22.3, has graduated. Also gone are backcourt men Al Swartz, Brian Hill and Bill Jones and key reserve Jack Brunner, who played the



corner. The way things stand John Warren, a junior who tailed off towards the end of last season even though he averaged 11.2, and sophomore Joe DePre, 18.9 with the freshmen, will be up front. Returning in the pivot is 6-7 Rudy Bogad (13.2 and 8.7 rebounding), while Carmine Calzonetti, a 6-0 guard who averaged 5.2, is going to be one playmaker along with Richie Jackson (3.6), who is noted for his outside shooting. Two more sophs fit into the picture and they are 6-5 Ralph Abraham (14.3) and 6-4 Jim Smyth (17.7). As if the loss of Dove was not enough, this season's schedule is even tougher than last year's with the addition of Boston College, Southern California, Davidson and St. Mary's of California.

**ST. JOSEPH'S (Middle Atlantic)**—Jack McKinney does not expect to match last winter's 16-10. That is because Cliff Anderson (26.5), Bob Brenner (12.0) and 6-5 Al Grundy (8.5) and 6-6 Steve Donches (10.9) have graduated. He is counting on sophomores and a transfer for most of his starting lineup. One of the sophs, 6-4 Mike Hauer (21.6 with the frosh), is going to work up front with 6-3 Mike Kemscki (5.3). The transfer, 6-8 Ed Leonarczyk from Duquesne, is going to be in the middle. He has proven himself as a rebounder but McKinney does not know what to expect in the way of points. Billy DeAngelis, a 5-11 senior who averaged 8.7 in scoring and who set a school record with 104 steals, is going to be backcourt with 5-11 Dan Kelly, who had a 23.7 average with the freshmen. Tom Lynch (11.3), who goes 6-3 and 6-0 Mike Nash (10.3) are two more sophs upon whom the Hawk coach is depending a great deal.

**ST. LOUIS (Missouri Valley)**—Finding a replacement for Bob Cole, a 6-2 forward who averaged 16.2, is the biggest problem facing Joe Brehmer. The Billikens seem to be set at four spots. Gene Moore, a 6-7 senior who averaged 10.8 is up front while seven-footer Rich Niemann, MVP, in the conference last year, is in the pivot. Tom Thomas and Barry Orms will be the playmakers while the other forward spot goes to 6-4 Joe Wiley or 6-5 Fritz Ziegler. Both averaged high in double figures for the freshmen last season. The Bills went 13-13 and Brehmer figures to find his team in the thick of things in the conference race this coming winter.

**St. PETER'S (Metropolitan and Middle Eastern)**—The Peacocks are well equipped to defend the Metropolitan crown and gain another bid in post-season competition. Only Richie Dreye (8.9) has departed from last season's 18-6 squad. All-Met Pet O'Dea (19.0), who is 6-5, returns in the pivot. Ken Grant (15.7) finds himself battling two transfers, 6-5 Elnardo Webster from Wharton JC, Tex., where he tallied 1,400 points in two seasons, and 6-6 Tom Schewster, who averaged 18 points with Rhode Island's freshmen, for the forward assignments. Harry Laurie (17.7), another All-Met pick, is set at one guard spot, while the other goes to Tom McMahon (11.4), Bob Leckie (5.8) or soph Pat Finnegan.

**SAMFORD (Independent)**—This little school in Birmingham, Ala., compiled an 11-13 record last year in a most ambitious schedule ever undertaken. Coach John Edwards goes into the coming campaign with guarded optimism since the slate is even tougher. The first five looks like Jim Bryant, a 6-2 playmaker who averaged 17.4 points and posted a 10.7 average in assists, and 6-5 Lonnie Minor, 16.3 in points and 9-1 in rebounds, and 6-3 Joe Sova (11.3) in the corner and backcourt respectively, while transfers Ron Mikell, who is 6-5, and Harry Dunn, who is two inches shorter, will be the other two starters. The latter pair hail from Chipola (Florida) Junior College, which went 24-5 last year.

**SANTA CLARA (WCAC)**—Dick Garbaldi expects the Broncos to improve on last year's 13-13 record even though



Herm Gilliam  
Purdue



Bob Greacen  
Rutgers



Jack Theeler  
South Dakota

there will be a lack of overall experience in the first five. Gone from last season's team is all-conference guard Mike Gervasoni, who wound up his career with 1,393 points, Mike Dooling (6.7), 6-5 Larry Dunlap (10.0) and 6-3 Terry Porter (4.7). The front line is expected to improve with the return of 6-5 Bob Heaney who missed the last 10 games because of a broken ankle. He averaged 14.1. With him will be 6-5 Bub Ogden, who set a Santa Clara scoring record last year with 480 points for an 18.5 mark. In the pivot is 6-9 sophomore Dennis Awtry, who led the freshmen to a 21-3 record with a 20.0 average. The guards are going to be 6-3 veteran Dave Poulio (3.5) and 6-0 Joe Diffley (2.3). Sophomore Tom Scherer (4.7) and 6-1 redshirt Terry O'Brien also fit into the backcourt picture as does 6-5 Ralph Ogden, brother of Bud, who was a top scorer for the yearlings with a 21.9 mark.

**SEATTLE (Independent)**—Bucky Buckwalter takes over as head man of the Chieftains and is confronted with the task of finding a front wall in order to come close to last winter's 18-8. Tom Workman (20.3) and Mal Strong (15.8), both 6-7, and 6-5 Plummer Lott (11.0) have graduated. Jim Gardner, a 6-6 junior is eligible once again and is being counted on in the pivot. Holdovers Jim LaCour (9.4), who is 6-6, and 6-3 John Wilkins (5.2) are the forwards. Team captain Steve Looney (11.5) is set for one backcourt berth; while two sophs, 6-0 Tom Little (21.1 with the frosh) and Sam Pierce (16.9), who is 6-6 and who also can play up front, battle for the other spot.

**SETON HALL (Metropolitan)**—Richie Regan feels that there is no place for the Pirates to go but up after last year's disastrous 7-17 record. He will have 6-4 John Suminski (17.7) returning as a forward with 6-5 Mike Wall (17.0) or a 6-2 junior Larry Rovelstad (4.1). Gerry Mackey (11.4), a senior, and Don Gregory, another senior who averaged 8.5, will be in the backcourt. Fighting them is 5-11 sophomore Ken Moss, who averaged 13.1. Help could also come from 6-9 Brian Blake who was on probation last year. If he comes through he will go in the middle and Suminski will go up front.

**SOUTH CAROLINA (Atlantic Coast)**—The Gamecocks finished with a 16-7 record last year, and while the coming edition will be primarily seniors, Frank McGuire still does not think he can overtake North Carolina, the defending champion. And it is all because of the loss of a pair of 6-9 centers, Al Salvadori (8.6) and Lyn Burkholder (4.3). The talent expected to make Frank's squad one of the top three squads in the rough ACC are Gary Gregor (13.0), a 6-7 second-team conference choice,

Terry Burgess  
Richmond



Ralph Ogden  
Santa Clara



Bill Somerset  
Seton Hall



and 6-4 Frank Standard (12.1) up front, 6-8 Skip Kickey (1.8), who was injured most of last campaign, in the pivot, and another second-team conference choice, Jack Thompson (11.7) and Skip Harlicka (16.7), the top scorer, backcourt. McGuire rates Thompson as one of the best playmakers in the country, and while he feels his squad has overall scoring balance, there is no one real super point maker.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (AAWU)**—Coach Bob Boyd looks for the Trojans to better last year's 13-12 record since the entire starting lineup is returning. That means second-team all-conference Bill Hewitt (19.5), who is 6-6, and Jim Marsh (9.6), the same height, up front. A seven footer, Ron Taylor (5.2), returns in the center as a junior while 6-1 Steve Jennings (15.1) and 6-0 Harvey Dillon (5.7) are the guards. Fighting the latter two will be a pair of good sophomore prospects, 6-3 Roger Mosier (20.8) and 6-1 Chuck Williams (17.5). Like all teams in the conference, however, Boyd faces the unenviable task of trying to beat UCLA.

**SOUTH DAKOTA (North Central)**—The Coyotes will be stronger in every department but Coach Dwane Clodfelter is not sure how much improvement there will be on last year's 10-13 record. The big reason for this is the schedule, which includes two games with Marquette, Ohio State, Iowa, Nebraska and Creighton. Jack Theller (26.4), all conference selection for the last two years and the 18th leading scorer in the college division of the NCAA, is a cinch starter up front. He will work with 7-3 Ed Douse (4.5), 6-6 Gary Prink (9.2) or 6-6 sophomore Rod Foster. Clodfelter is also toying with the idea of using Prink or Foster in the middle. Backcourt are Art Gellow (16.5) and 6-0 sophomore Bill Hamer. The big loss from last year is 6-5 Carl Moehring (5.4), who is passing up basketball to concentrate on his pre-medical studies.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Independent)**—The Salukis breezed through major and college division teams alike last year and finished with a 24-2 record in winning the National Invitation Tournament. Coach Jack Hartman finds himself minus Walt Frazier, the MVP of the Tournament and a several-time All American. The 6-3 playmaker, who averaged 18.2, passed up his final year to sign with the New York Knickerbockers. Sophomore Rex Barker, who averaged 11.4 with the freshmen, has a good crack at Frazier's spot and he will operate with 6-3 Willie Griffin (4.0). A 6-7 sophomore, Bruce Butchko (23.4), or 6-6 transfer Howie Keene, who played at Louisiana State, will be in the middle. Up front are 6-4 Jack Benson (15.8) and 6-3 Dick Garrett (15.8). Hartman is going to feel the loss of Frazier and also the defensive work of 6-4 Clarence Smith (9.7) and the rebounding of 6-7 Ralph Johnson (9.0), who graduated.

**SMU (Southwest)**—The Mustangs have captured three consecutive conference titles, but coach Bob Prewitt lost four key performers from last year's 20-6 squad. As a result he would not be surprised if the squad finds it tough to keep out of the cellar. Gone are 6-3 Denny Holman (16.5), 6-5 Charles Beasley (14.9), 6-7 Bob Begert (13.2) and 6-3 Bob Jones (6.0). As it looks, 6-6 John Higginbotham (5.9) and 6-3 Bill Voight (11.3) are going to be up front. Lynn Phillips, a 6-7 junior who was "Sophomore of the Year" in the conference with a 14.1 scoring average, is going to be in the middle. Backcourt finds Bill Rainer (1.5) and Gary Sivley (7.1). Fighting the latter pair for an assignment is 6-3 sophomore Bob Harrison, who has a 22.0 average with the freshmen.

**STANFORD (Pacific 8)**—Though 1966 was classified as a building year, Coach Howie Dallmar guided a young team that consisted of ten sophomores to his sixth consecutive winning



Charles Beasley (no. 23), Denny Holman and Bill Arnold (nos. 15) pursue ball.

season and to a strong fourth place finish in the tough Pacific-8 Conference. Returning from this team are the top three scorers, but lack of height and frontline scoring are problems that could plague the Indians again this year. Guard Don Griffin, in his first season of varsity ball, was the team's leading scorer, edging out Arthur Harris, the premier point producer of the season before. An excellent jump shooter up to 25 feet from the hoop, he also was a defensive mainstay and always was assigned opponents' top backcourt scorers. His 18.6 ppg league average earned him a spot on the Pacific-8 second team. Besides Griffin and Harris, playmaker Gary Petersmeyer (9.8) returns for another season as does top forward reserve Mal McElwain (8.7). In contention for the center spot are two sophomores, 6-6 Bill Palmer and 6-10 Larry Rosenzweig. Both averaged about 10.5 points per game, but Palmer is an outstanding jumper and has a slight edge in the rebounding department. Pushing Harris and McElwain for a forward spot is the frosh's leading scorer, Chuck Moore. Though only 6-4, he is a good outside shooter and an adequate rebounder who averaged 19.5 ppg to set a new frosh scoring record.

**SYRACUSE (Independent)**—Fred Lewis has better balance and depth but feels that does not mean an improvement on last year's 20-6. Gone from that team is 6-6 Rick Dean, who averaged 17.9 in the middle, and 6-3 playmaker Steve Ludd (7.8). Ludd has a year left but has indicated he does not plan to compete this winter. Up front finds 6-3 George Hicker (18.6), the team's leading scorer last campaign, and 6-4 Vaughn Harper (16.3). A 6-7 soph, Wayne Ward, 19.8 with the freshmen, is being counted on to fill the pivot spot. Holdover Richie Cornwall (14.7) is set for one of the guard positions, while the other will go to letterman Bob Kouwe (3.3) or 6-1 soph Ernie Austin, who was last campaign's leading freshman point maker with a 30.0 average.

**TEMPLE (Middle Atlantic)**—With four starters returning and some promising newcomers, Harry Litwack feels the Owls should approach last season's 20-8 record. They won the conference title and earned a berth in the NCAA tournament. Only Chris Kefalos (13.0) is gone from that team. Sophomore Drew Nolan, who averaged 23.6 as a freshman, should make



up for that loss. He figures to be backcourt with Clarence Brookins (18.1), a 6-4 senior who was selected to the conference all-star team. The forwards are 6-5 Joe Cromer (11.5) and 6-5 Jim Snook, a transfer from Navy. The middle man is 6-5 John Baum (16.3). The Owls will have adequate rebounding and good shooting even though there is not one outstanding big man.

**TENNESSEE (Southeastern)** Ray Mears is itching for a crack at a second consecutive conference title following last year's 21-7 record. It is understandable why the Vol's coach feels this way since he has four starters returning. Rod Widby (22.1), a 6-4 forward, is the only man lost through graduation. A sophomore, 6-10 Bob Croft, who had a 12.7 average with the freshmen, will be the replacement. He will be playing with 6-5 Tom Hendrix (10.0) while all-conference selection Tom Boerwinkle (12.0), who is 7-0, will be in the middle. The guards are 6-2 Bill Hann (4.9) and 6-1 Bill Justus (11.2). Kerry Myers, a 6-3 soph with a 12.8 average as a freshman, could give Hann a battle for his job.

**TEXAS (Southwest)**—Basically a poor season. That is the outlook for the Longhorns who lost four key operators from last year's 14-10 squad. They are 6-3 Noel Stout (16.0), 6-5 Charles Turnbough (11.5), 6-2 Mike Gammon (7.4) and 6-0 Dale Dotson (9.6). The lone standout from this freshman team is 6-6 Wayne Doyal who had a 20.0 average. He could go at forward or center with the other frontliners being 6-3 Larry Lake (7.1), Garry Overbeck (10.3), who is 6-7, and 6-6 Scotty Brown (5.1). Backcourt possibilities are 6-1 Billy Arnold (14.2), who was selected on the SunDevil Classic team last year and 5-10 Larry Smith (6.5).

**TEXAS A. AND M. (Southwest)**—Shelby Metcalf has everybody back from last winter's 6-18 squad except 6-1 Dick Recor (3.5). In addition, he picks up 6-6 Harry Bostic, a transfer from Tyler Junior College where he averaged 21.1. And the Aggies' coach intends using Bostic backcourt with 6-1 Sonny Benefield (11.2). In the pivot is 6-5 Buzzy Myatt (6.9), while up front are Ronnie Peret (11.9), who is 6-9, and 6-4 sophomore Mike Heitman, who poured in an average of 21.9 points with the freshman squad. There is good height on the bench in holdovers Billy Barnett (11.9), who goes 6-4, and Terry Trippet (5.5), who is an inch shorter. Newcomers are 6-3 Olivar Biggers (15.8) and 6.5 Mike Hazel (11.3), who proved themselves as scorers with the yearlings. How far can the Aggies go? The lack of a big man keeps Metcalf in a subdued mood.

**TEXAS AT EL PASO (Independent)**—The Miners changed their name from Texas Western last year, and while they lost their NCAA championship they still managed to make the playoffs and post a very respectable 22-6 record. However, a long road must be traveled this season since 6-7 Dave Lattin



Vol's Tom Boerwinkle grabs rebound away from Cliff Berger.

(15.1 scoring and 10.1 rebounding), 6-8 Nevil Shed (10.3) and 6-4 Dick Myers (2.2) have graduated. There are some good holdovers with experience but coach Don Haskins was banking on junior college transfers to provide the outside shooting that was lacking last year. Up front it looks like Willie Cager (9.4) and Fred Carr (5.6), both 6-5, while in the pivot is 6-10 Phil Harris (7.9), a 6-10 junior. Willie Worsley (12.2) and Dave Palacio (7.5) are returning backcourt. They face a battle from soph John Rudd (18.3). Tom Isaacs (15.1), also up from the frosh, who is 6-7, also must be considered in the front line.

**TCU (Southwest)**—Shooting is the big worry for Johnny Swaim's Horned Frogs this year, after losing Jess Evans, Wayne Kreis, Stan Farr and Rich Sauer through graduation. James Cash, 6-6, 11.5, was second in the Southwest Conference rebound derby last year, and is set at center. All-SWC forward Mickey McCarty joins Fullerton JC transfer Tom Swift in the forecourt, while Carey Sloan will be paired with either Rick Wittenbraker or Jeff Harp in the backcourt. The latter two guards excelled with the frosh last year, averaging 20.0 and 17.1, respectively. John White, Randy Kerth and Tommy Gowan give TCU seasoned reserves.

Dick Garrett  
Southern Illinois



Bill Voight  
S.M.U.



George Hicker  
Syracuse



Clarence Brookins  
Temple



**TOLEDO (Mid-American)**—The Rockets soared to a 23-2 record and the conference title last year, but Bob Nichols figures a repeat performance depends on the development of 6-6 Steve Mix, a junior who was all conference with a 23.0 average. Another player who must come through is 7-0 Doug Hess in the pivot. With last year's freshmen, he averaged 21 points. The other forward will be veteran Bob Miller (10.6), while backcourt are John Rudley (7.4) and 6-2 Willie Babione (14.2), a second team all conference selection. Nichols has good reserve coming up from the freshmen in 6-2 Mike Murnen (16.4), 6-4 Larry Smith (15.3), 6-9 Dale Geistler (13.8) and 6-2 Jim Miller (14.1).

**TUFTS (Independent)**—The loss of 6-7 Jim Claffee, third 1,000-point man in the history of the Jumbos, and Ron McRobbie, who averaged 36 points between them, is a lot to make up. However, G. W. Grimshaw looks for improvement over last campaign's 8-12. Art Marquardt (11.1), the 6-1 captain, and Jim Devaney (2.9) are the front men, while the center is 6-6 holdover Mike Simon (2.1) or 6-4 newcomer Gene Zimon, who averaged 19.6 with the frosh. In the backcourt are Dan Wood (5.8) and John Campbell (7.6). Another soph who should help considerably is 6-1 Dave Whitley (16.4).

**TULANE (Independent)**—The Green Wave went 14-10 last season and only 6-0 playmaker Al Andrews (18.3) has graduated. As a result, Ralph Pedersen expects improvement. The forwards are 6-4 John Arthurs (15.4), and 6-4 Bill Fitzgerald (13.3). In the pivot is 6-5 Dan Moeser (12.6), who was the best shooter and rebounder. Backcourt finds 6-2 Terry Habig

**Toledo's 6-6 Steve Mix fast-breaks against Western Michigan.**



**Steve Mix  
Toledo**



**Mike Warren  
U.C.L.A.**

(14.0) and a sophomore, 6-0 Ned Reese (18.0). There should be a good nucleus on the bench in 6-8 Dennis Riddle, a transfer from the Air Force Academy, and two sophomores, 6-6 Al Kralovansky (15.6) with the freshmen and 6-5 Bob Patterson (18.2). Joining them is a holdover, 6-4 Bob Spurck (7.0).

**TULSA (Missouri Valley)**—The Golden Hurricanes will be at least as good as last year when it finished with a 19-8 record and landed in the NIT. All-conference selection Eldridge Webb (18.0) will be in the backcourt with 6-2 Mike Marrs (5.9). The pivot man is 6-7 Doug Robinson (10.7) while up front are 6-6 Rob Washington (15.3) and 6-5 Bobby Smith (15.0), a pair of second team selections on the conference all-star squad. For depth, coach Joe Swank can rely on 6-2 sophomore Ron Carson (22.5 with the freshmen) and a pair of transfers, 6-2 Rick Phillips and 6-4 Warren Smith, who had a 27.2 average at Crowder (Mo.) Junior College. Swank feels that the veteran starting team should improve offensively as well as defensively and that will be bad news for the opposition since the Hurricanes had a 69.1 average in making the NIT.

**UCLA (AAWU)**—How can you improve on a perfect record? That is the problem of John Wooden and a lot of coaches would like to be in the same boat. It seems very likely that the Bruins, the NCAA champions, will repeat once again. And the big reason why is Lew Alcindor, the 7-1 and 3/8 junior who will be in the pivot. Named player of the year last season, he averaged 29 points. As if that was not enough of a reason, Wooden finds himself with the same squad that he had last year, and in addition, he will have 6-8 Steve Patterson, a sophomore who averaged 21.9, to back up Alcindor. Up front will be Lynn Shackelford, a 6-5 junior (11.4) who also was All America last campaign, and Edgar Lacey (12.5), a 6-6 all-conference selection. For the backcourt there is plenty of talent available. Lucius Allen (15.5) and Mike Warren (12.7) are the holdovers and right in the picture is Don Saffer (2.9), a key reserve. Wooden has more height and better rebounding this time, more depth, and to put it mildly, adequate experience. Wooden claims to be amazed at last year's accomplishments, and he does not feel that it is fair to be put in the spot to go undefeated once again.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC (WCAC)**—The Tigers, coming off with two consecutive championships, will be trying for No. three with four new starting faces. Bob Jones 5-8 is the only returning man from the squad that went 25-4, the best record in the school's history. Up front with him will be 6-5 Pat Foley (4.2) while the middle man is 6-9 Joe Ferguson (3.3) and 6-5 Bob DeWitt (7.3). Dick Edwards, the Tigers' coach has five outstanding sophomores, all of whom averaged in double figures. Leading the array is 6-6 Joel Perisho (16.5), 6-5 Fred Carpenter (15.5), followed by Don Miller (14.5), 6-8 Bill Stricker (11.5) and 5-10 Bill Claperton (10.1).



**UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND (Independent)**—Freshman coach Bill Turner faces a number of obstacles in improving last year's 10-16 record. The schedule is the toughest in Portland's history, and the inherent problems of adapting to a new head man will plague the Pilots this year. The strongest area is backcourt, where Paul Gloden returns with his 18.3 scoring average. Rick Earl will be there, too, along with his 20.1 frosh mark. Jesse Perry is strong up front, and pulled down 223 rebounds last year. His scoring (7.0) could stand improvement, though. Center and the other forward spot are up for grabs. 6-8 Bob Jama may make it in the pivot after a 10.4 season with the freshmen, and another soph, Bob Scotlan, wields 6-6, 15.2 credentials. Lettermen Bob Skarecki, Charles Stroughter, Don Lawson, Al Courter, Terry Pollreisz, Vaughn Jackson and Jack Petrina are other returnees.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN LOUISIANA (Gulf States)**—USL expects to be stronger in '67-'68 as coach Beryl Shipley has eight returning lettermen, including four starters and three top reserves from last year's crew. Eight of the nine top scorers will be back, including Jerry Flake (19.4), Elvin Ivory (17.7), Marvin Winkler (14.2) and Jack Fleming (6.5). As a freshman last season, Ivory ranked first in the Gulf States Conference in both rebounding (16.1) and field goal accuracy (55.1 per cent), while becoming the first player in GS history to grab more than 500 rebounds. His 548 points also set a USL record for points by a freshman. Flake, meanwhile, ranks as the highest scoring soph in USL history, having totalled 1,042 points in his first two varsity seasons. Both Flake and Ivory should make Little All-America this year, and the Bulldogs should have plenty of bite as well.

**UTAH (Western)**—Jack Gardner saw his Redskins finish with a 15-11 record last season and feels that the only weak spot this year is the pivot where the graduated 6-8 DeWitt Menyard (15.3) did an outstanding job. The likely replacement is 6-5 Ron Cunningham (2.2), who saw limited action last winter. His inexperience has Gardner a bit concerned. Up front will be 6-7 Jeff Ockel (6.3) and 6-5 Lyndon MacKay (9.5). Backcourt finds 6-2 Merv Jackson (19.3) an all-conference and all-district selection, and 6-2 Walt Simon (9.5). The playmakers figure to be the strongest spots for Gardner, who is hopeful of making a run for the title, especially if he gets some junior college help in the middle.

**UTAH STATE (Independent)**—The Aggies were 20-6 last year and are now minus 6-3 Les Powell (12.0), 6-1 Hal Hale (8.6), and 6-8 Alan Parrish (8.5). Much depends on the consistency of seven-footer Larry Bunce (9.0), who now is a senior. If he has a good year Utah State should do well. The forwards will be 6-3 Jim Smith (11.6) and 6-5 Paul Hoffman (6.7). Backcourt are 6-5 Shaler Halimon, who was 18th in the country in points with a 23.5 average, and 6-4 Fred Smith (4.7). There is a good crop of sophomores headed by 6-8 Tim Tollestrup (15.0). Others are 6-5 Ron Adamson (11.4), 6-2 Paul Jeppesen (12.6), 6-6 Stan Buchanan (12.2) and 6-7 Chris Bean (10.1).

Larry Bunce  
Utah State



James Smith  
Utah State



Tom Jones  
Pacific



Eldridge Webb  
Tulsa



**IRON MIKE IN ACTION:** Mike Warren, U.C.L.A., dribbles past Steve Jennings.

**VERMONT (Yankee)**—Arty Loche is counting on last year's freshman team to supply a great deal of the talent for this season's varsity. The key man is 6-7 Aldo Salati, who goes 6-7 and who averaged 9.6. He will be at center. Up front will be another sophomore, 6-6 Ray Bueb (14.5), while backcourt finds still another soph, 6-1 Frank Martiniuk (21.5). That leaves veterans Bill Libraera (12.8) up front, and Dave Lapointe (16.8), the high scorer from last year's 9-15 record, in the backcourt. Other sophs who will form a better part of the bench are 6-1 Roy Greenman (12.9), 6-3 Bob Hutton (11.8) and 6-3 Sandy Magio (7.6). While the sophomores make the talent better than last year, the schedule is much tougher than last season.

**VILLANOVA (Independent)**—A year's experience, the loss of only two players—6-5 Terry McGuire (9.3) and 6-9 Frank Giadunas (2.9), the acquisition of John Schroeder, a 6-7 transfer from Virginia, and the elevation of two outstanding freshman—5-10 Fran O'Hanlon (12.1) and Gene Kelly (18.2) should add up to a good year for the Wildcats. They were 17-9 last year in making the NIT and Jack Kraft thinks things

might be better. However, the schedule is rougher as evidenced by the fact Providence, Princeton and Southern California are the first three opponents. Schroeder will operate up front with 6-4 John Jones (18.9), all-Philadelphia Big Five pick. Jim McIntosh (6.2 and 6.3 in rebounding), who is 6-7, is in the pivot. Joe Crews (11.6), who is 6-4, may go backcourt from up front. And his partner could be Frank Gillen (5.9), Kelly or O'Hanlon.

**VIRGINIA (Atlantic Coast)**—The Cavaliers have depth at every position as they attempt to better last season's 9-17 record, and while some improvement is expected, Bill Gibson refuses to say just how much. Up front are three holdovers, 6-4 Mike Katos (14.8), and a pair of 6-5 performers, Duddy Reams (9.1) and Mike Smith (2.0). The two big men in the pivot, both 6-9, are Norm Carmichael (6.0) and John Naponick (5.6). Lary Laws (2.8) and Chip Case (16.4), the top scorer among the holdovers, are the playmakers. Backcourt was hit hard by graduation with the loss of John Connelly (20.0). Help in this department can come from Tony Kinn, who led the 12-4 freshmen with a 27.9 average. Another guard up from the frosh where he averaged 17.7 is Tom Joyce. And 6-5 Mike Wilkes (15.4) and Bill Buck (12.8) are two others who fit into the picture up front.

**VMI (Southern)**—The Kaydets have to improve on last season's 5-16 if for no other reason than for experience. Of the 16 setbacks, half of them were by a total of 23 points and coach Gary McPherson feels that the experience will eliminate the costly mistakes in those eight games. Up front will be 6-5 junior Ralph Wright (13.9) and 6-5 Denny Clark (9.8). Fitting into the picture in this position is a 6-4 soph, Mike Manis (22.0 with the freshmen). The middle man is 6-6 Steve Powers (11.8), who was No. 8 rebounder in the country with a 15.1. Backcourt are 5-9 Jack Kemper (14.1) and 5-11 John Mitchell (13.3). Two sophs who should be a big help coming off the bench are 6-7 Jim Gillespie (15.0) and 6-5 Walter Ivkovich (10.0).

**WAGNER (Metropolitan and Middle Atlantic)**—The Seahawks could match and possibly better last year's 19-9 since 6-5 Fick Fiege (13.9) and 6-3 Ron Thomas (5.8) are the only losses. Oliver Featherston (12.8), who is 6-5, goes from forward to the pivot in Fiege's place, and 6-2 soph Ray Hodge (24.4) steps in up front with 6-4 Russ Selger (18.6). Arnie Obey (14.1) and Wendell Martin (4.7) are backcourt. Bill Wolfe (6.3) is a key reserve at guard.

**WAKE FOREST (Atlantic Coast)**—Jack McCloskey, starting his second campaign as head man of the Deacons, expects definite improvement over last year's 9-18. He inherits a great deal of sophomore talent from a squad that went 12-4 as freshmen. The forwards will be 6-5 Newton Scott (9.7) and one of the newcomers, 6-3 Dick Walker (28.3, the leader of the freshmen). In the middle is 6-5 Dave Stroupe (8.9), while backcourt will be all-tournament second team choice Jerry Montgomery (12.7) and a soph, 6-3 Norwood Todmann (23.7). He will take the place of 6-2 Paul Long, last year's top scorer with a 22.3 average, who has graduated. Stan Ackley, a 6-8 sophomore with a 10.0 average, 6-7 Larry Habegger, another rookie with an 8.6 average, and 6-6 Dan Meyer (6.8), are three sophomores whom McCloskey feels will more than hold their own in the tough conference.

**WASHINGTON (AAWU)**—The Huskies are going to be improved over last year's 14-12 and the reasons are sophomores moving up to Coach Mac Duckworth. He is picking up five of them who averaged in double figures. From that quintet will be 6-5 George Irvine (17.7), the leading scorer among them, up



Jim Boshart of Wake Forest blocks Lyn Burkholder's shot.

front with holdover 6-3 Dave Carr (14.8). In the middle is 6-9 senior Doug Westlake (6.6), 5-10 junior Rick Slettedehl (7.9) or 5-9 sophomore Rafael Stone (10.3).

**WASHINGTON & LEE (College Athletic)**—The Generals marched to a 20-5 record last season and coach Verne Canfield figures the club to be just as strong once again even though Mel Cartwright, the leading scorer with a 20.1 is transferring to William & Mary. The front line finds 6-1 John Carrere (11.7), Norwood Morrison (6.4) and 6-6 Mal Wesselink (11.6). Backcourt will be 6-2 Rob Bauer (8.9) and 6-5 Earl Edwards (6.6). The schedule is tougher for the Generals and they may not reach the 20-game mark but Canfield is very optimistic.

**WASHINGTON STATE (Pacific 8)**—The Cougars are solid at three spots, and have capable players to fill the other two. Jim McKean is unchallenged at center, where he averaged 18.6 a game, and led his team in rebounding. He was a District 8 All-America. Ted Wierman, second in scoring and rebounding, holds down one forward position. Wierman, at 6-8 1/2, made Honorable Mention on the All-Pacific 8 team as a sophomore last year. 5-11 guard Ray Stein averaged 10.9, passed well, and became the third Cougar celebrity by making the second team All-Pacific 8. Blaine Ellis (4.1 as a soph) will be pushed by Gary Elliot (19.8 with the frosh) at the remaining forward spot. Ellis has two inches on the 6-5 Elliot, and is reportedly much improved. Either Lenny Allen, a junior with an 8.2 scoring mark, or sophomore Rick Erickson, 12.8 with the freshman squad, will join Stein in the backcourt. The Cougars will probably improve on their 15-11 record, and will be a slight threat to U.C.L.A. this year.



**WAYNE STATE (Independent)**—Frank Gompert expects the Tartars to have better balance than last year when they only posted a 5-15 record. Gone from that team is 6-4 Marty Letzman, the top scorer at 23.3 and the leading rebounder at 12.6. For a starting lineup this time, Gompert is going with three holdovers, 6-5 Terry Cupples (11.2), who also is tough off the boards as evidenced by his 12.5 average, and Roy Clinkscales (9.2) who is 6-3. They will be up front and in the middle is 6-3 Joe Garcia (8.4). For the backcourt, the Tartars are counting on 6-0 Fred Martis (16.9) and 5-11 Bob Kloss.

**WESLEYAN (Little Three)**—Coach John Wood has eight juniors returning from a squad that posted a 13-8 record. He feels that the added experience will go a long way towards improving the squad even though there are no super-stars. The front court finds 6-3 Fran Spadola (7.4) and 6-1 Tom Manuel (6.7). The middle man is 6-4 Eric Esterhay (8.2). Backcourt is 5-11 Jack Sitarz (13.0) and 5-10 Greg Robel (12.3). Height is the big problem for the Cardinals since Esterhay is the big man.

**WEST VIRGINIA (Southern)**—Finding a replacement for 6-4 Carl Head (20.5) and Bob Benfield (9.8), the rebounding punch, is not the problem that coach Bucky Walters thought it would be. He has come up with 6-5 Carey Bailey, a transfer from Long Beach (Calif.) Junior College. Bailey can touch the top of the backboard from a standing jump and should make up for the loss of the one-two rebounders. Up front with Bailey from last year's team that went 19-9 in winning the conference title and gaining the NCAA playoffs is 6-6 Dave Reaser (19.9). Gregg Ludwig, a 6-6 junior who was brought along slowly, is going to be in a pivot. He averaged 5.5 in the point department and pulled down 97 rebounds in 20 games. Ron Williams, a 6-3 senior guard who was just off the pace of Head in scoring with a 20.1, is set in the backcourt with defensive star 6-1 Norman Holmes (5.7). Bob Hummel, who has a good eye as evidenced by his 24.2 with the freshmen, will be a big help as a playmaker. "Don't sell us short," is the way Walters looks at the coming season.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY (Ohio Valley)**—The Hilltoppers won their conference title and reached the NCAA regional play-offs with a 23-3 record. Coach John Oldham expects the coming addition to be weaker since he lost 6-3 Clem Haskins (22.6) and 6-5 Dwight Smith (14.7). The biggest problems will come on the boards because there is no real over-all height. All conference selection Wayne Chapman (15.4), who goes 6-6, and 6-5 Norman Weaver (3.5) are the forwards. However, a 6-5 sophomore, Charlie Starbuck (17.9), could knock Weaver out of his job. Greg Smith (11.8) and another conference All Star, will be in the middle while backcourt are 5-10 Mike Fawcett (5.0) and 5-10 Butch Kaufman (12.3). There should be good reserves from the sophomore ranks with the likes of 6-1 Charles Selvy (18.7), 6-9 Walker Bahks (9.9) and 6-8 Wayne Bright (17.9).

**WESTERN MICHIGAN (Mid-American)**—Sonny Means figures his Broncos have to rope many more opponents than



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last year's 10-14 since no lettermen at all were lost at graduation time. That means 6-5 Reggie Lacefield (17.1) returns up front and finds himself with 6-5 soph Bill Vander Woude (27.0 with frosh). Clarence Harville (13.0), also 6-5, is the middle man, while Ron Kidney (11.6) is back at guard with another soph prospect, Ellis Hull (16.0). An indication of what is to come can be gained when you realize that 6-6 Gene Ford, who averaged 13.9 up front as a starter last winter, will be on the bench.

**WESTERN RESERVE (Presidents)**—Not a single veteran was lost from last winter's 10-8 squad, so it is little wonder that coach D. Simko expects to reach that or even improve on it. Ron Stunz (7.4) and Mike Meyers (8.9) are up front, Bill Rogers (18.0) in the middle and Jeff Borer (11.2) and Steve Seelig (13.6) are backcourt. Lex Lemmon moves up as a playmaker from the frosh where he averaged 16.3. For added reserve strength there are holdovers Bob Palko (3.2), Bob Naylor (5.9) and Chip Bizga (1.6).

**WICHITA STATE (Missouri Valley)**—Gary Thompson lost two men from his front line, 6-3 Jamie Thompson (17.8) and 6-5 Mel Reed (17.4). Despite this the Shockers' coach feels that he could have one of the best teams in the school's history. The reasons are two. The first is 5-10 Greg Carney who did not compete as a freshman because of the 1.6 rule. He is a former All-American high school player from Chicago and figures to knock either Ron Mendell (6.7) or Ron Washington (7.8) out of a starting assignment in the backcourt. Dave Skinner, who is 6-10 and averaged 18.6 with the freshmen, is certain to start in the middle while holdovers Dave Anderson (2.3), who is 6-5, and Roger McDowell (2.2) are the forwards. Like most other coaches Thompson also is looking for help from the junior college ranks.

**WILLIAMS (Little Three)**—Al Shaw saw the Ephmen go 11-5 last winter and he loses three starters—6-2 Irv Blond (12.9), 6-2 Ted McPherson (8.6) and 6-8 Wally Wilson (5.6). However, he has veterans set in every position with Bill Drummond (13.1), who goes 6-5 and 6-6 Bill Untereker (11.4). The middle man is 6-6 Lowell Smith (1.4), who saw very little action last winter. Backcourt are Jay Healey, the leading scorer with a 20.2 and Tom Ervin (3.2). Sophomores who fit into the picture are 6-5 Dick Travers, 6-4 Charlie Knox, 6-1 John Margraf and 6-3 Rob Hersey.

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Wyoming



**Bob Quick**  
Xavier

**WILLIAM & MARY (Southern)**—William & Mary, in its second year under Warren Mitchell, will have more offensive punch this year. Ron Panneton, a 20.6 scorer as a junior, made such improvement in one season that he may be the best all-around player in the area. Add super-soph Bob Sherwood, 6-6, who scored 50 points in one game and averaged 32.4 for the frosh last season, and you see why the Indians will have a stronger team. The biggest problem will be to find a rebounder to replace two-time all-conference star Ben Pomeroy, 6-8 center Dave Daugherty has the touch (56 per cent from the field, 87 per cent from the foul line), and 6-5 Jim Rama the experience, but it is hoped that they will exhibit a better rebounding game. Scott McLennan, Bill Taylor, or Jack Downing will start at the other guard post. Rebounding, however, is the key if the Indians are to seriously challenge Davidson and West Virginia for the Southern Conference crown.

**WINSTON-SALEM STATE COLLEGE (CIAA)**—There may never be another Earl "Forty Points" Monroe in Ram history, and there may never be another '66-'67 type season in Winston-Salem. Coach C. E. Gaines doesn't expect either this season, although the NCAA College Division Champions do have some outstanding basketball material. Bill English, a 6-6 pivot man, was all-conference last year. He was the second leading scorer to graduated Jim Reid in rebounds (11.6). Eugene Smiley and Johnny Watkins, 6-1 and 6-4, were good for 25 points combined, and they will join Ernie Brown in the backcourt. The problems start at forward, where Reid and the versatile Monroe will be missed. Winston-Salem will not go 31-1 as they did in '66-'67, but they will finish close to .500.

**WISCONSIN (Big Ten)**—John Erickson looks for the Badgers to improve on last year's 13-11 record. He is so optimistic that he feels there is even an outside chance to win the first conference title since 1947. One of the big reasons why is 6-5 junior Chuck Nagel (19.3), who set four school records in his first taste of varsity competition. The other forward looks like 6-4 Joe Franklin (16.1), while in the middle will be 6-5 Jim Johnson (11.7). Backcourt finds Mike Carlin (9.2) and Mel Reddick, a 6-1 sophomore who had a brilliant 28.4 scoring average with the freshmen. There is good bench strength coming up from the frosh in 6-3 Dave Black (18.3), 6-8 1/2 Al Henry (12.8), 6-6 Dave Zink (11.5) and 6-6 Dwight Drayton (10.8).

**WITTENBERG (Ohio)**—The Tigers went 17-7 last year in winning the conference title for the seventh time in the last nine tries. Gone from that squad are Mike Duermit (14.3) and 6-0 Jim Appleby (17.5). Five other lettermen also have graduated but despite this, coach Eldon Miller figures that Wittenberg will be stronger from a talent standpoint, but a very tough schedule, which includes eight post-season tournament teams from last year, will be a real test. Don Corfman (10.5),

who is 6-4, and 6-5 Stan Starkey (6.5) will be the forwards. In the pivot is 6-4 Levi Wingard, (9.5) the leading rebounder at 10.1. The backcourt will be handled by a pair of sophomores who averaged 14.4. They are 6-1 Leuther Curry and 5-8 Tim Thomas but since freshmen are eligible 6-3 Jim Trasher, who was scheduled to enter school in September, is a good possibility.

**WYOMING (Western)**—The Cowboys should ride rough once again. Only 6-5 Tom Asbury (10.6) is gone from the team that was conference co-champion with an 8-2 record. Another plus for coach Bill Strannigan is the best crop of sophomores since 1963. Vets Mike Eberle (13.5), first-team all-conference pick, and Bob Wilson (8.9) are the playmakers. In the middle is 6-8 Gary Von Krosigk (5.0), a junior. Second team all-conference selection Harry Hall (18.4) is one of the forwards and the other is 6-6 soph Carl Ashley (24.9 with the frosh). Stan Dodds (16.7), who goes 6-4, Steve Popovich (11.9), two inches taller, and 6-3 guard Brad Smith (17.7) are the others up from the yearling squad who should impress.

**XAVIER (Independent)**—The Musketeers have a new head coach, George Krajack, and four starters returning from a team that posted a 13-13 record last winter, but everything isn't bright for the coming season. The Musketeers lack experienced depth, especially at forward where they have just one letterman back. In fact, Xavier doesn't have a reserve who has lettered at any position. Bob Quick and Tim O'Connell are the two best returnees. Quick has averaged 20 points a game for the past two seasons and over a dozen rebounds a year for the last two years. A 6-6 leaper and fine shooter, Quick is as good a corner man as there is in the Midwest, and he's also one of the best in the nation. O'Connell, MVP in last winter's holiday tourney at Seattle, is an exceptional outside shooter and driver and teams with Quick to give the Musketeers a strong inside-outside scoring punch. 6-11 Luther Rackley had moments of greatness as a sophomore, and more moments of so-so performances, but if he benefited from the experience as he should have, then he could give the Musketeers a strong lift this season. Joe Pangrazio is an alert defensive player and good ball handler, but gives Xavier little scoring help.

**YOUNGSTOWN (Independent)**—Not a single letterman was lost from last year's 18-7 record. As a result Penguin coach Dom Rosselli looks for a good year. The forwards will be 6-4 Frank Fitz (10.7) and 6-6 Joe LaVolpa (10.5). In the middle there are two men battling for the job, 6-7 senior Charlie Rowan (10.9) and 6-9 Will Teague, who was 15.5 with the junior varsity. Backcourt is 6-0 John McElory (21.5), the team's leading scorer, and 6-0 Joe Nigro (18.7). Teague is the tallest player ever at Youngstown so there is every reason for Rosselli to have his optimistic outlook. Backing up Teague will be 6-6 Wayne Davis, who was 15.8 with the JV.



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of the three players," says Schaus. "We hated to lose them just as we did Boozer and King last year. But other clubs were hurt too, and expansion will help the league in the long run."

Schaus says that Baylor had a "fantastic" year last season and "we can't expect a better year from him or Imhoff. They played as much to their full capacity as anybody on the team. And outside of Elg's early season injury, he was in good shape."

"Imhoff was tremendous," continued Schaus, "and didn't tail off as much as you'd think. He came back strong after a short slump."

Imhoff played twice as many minutes as he did any other previous year.

Big things are expected from young Jerry Chambers, 6-4 forward; Goodrich, 6-foot guard; and Tom Hawkins, 6-5 forward. Chambers is a great shooter and with a year of experience behind him could be just what the Lakers need as a swing man between forward and guard.

Rebounding was a weakness last year for L.A., as it has been in previous seasons. Baylor averaged 19 rebounds a game last season to lead the club. He had little support which definitely hurt.

Undoubtedly, the Lakers fielded the smallest starting club in the league with Imhoff, 6-9 at pivot; Baylor and Hawkins, both 6-5 at forward; and West, 6-3, and Clark, 6-2, at guard.

"Size hurt us as far as rebounding," admits Schaus. "Barnes could have helped us in this department, but he didn't quite measure up to our hopes. We need a big, strong, experienced cornerman that can score, and we're going to have to



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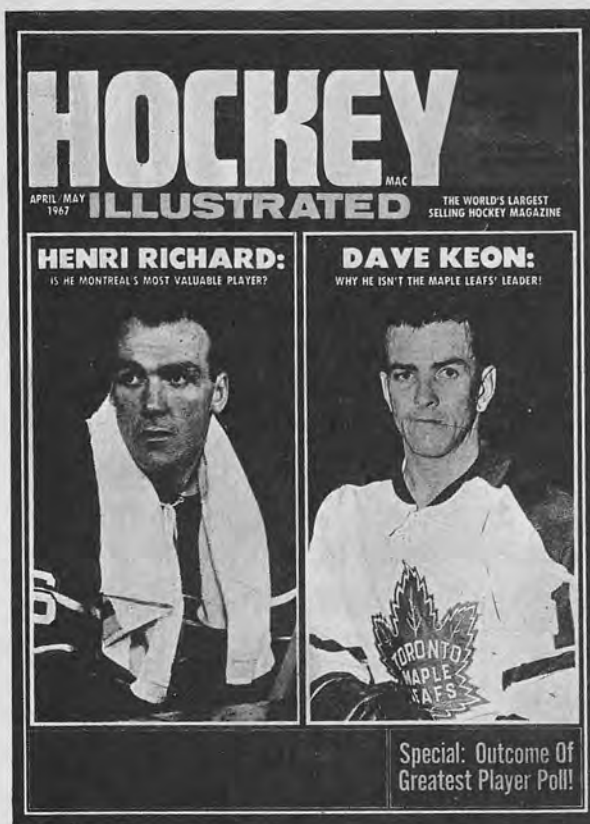
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Twice, Schaus' Lakers came within two points of knocking off the Boston Celtics in the final game of the world championship. Twice, Boston prevailed. Even in college, when Schaus led his West Virginia Mountaineers into the NCAA finals against Cal, his collegians lost out by one point for the crown.

In a sense, Schaus has been a bridesmaid, but never a bride when it comes to championships.

"This is my only regret about leaving coaching," he says. "I'm going to miss it, but as general manager, at least I'll be close to the game. It's not like leaving the picture completely. Last year was the worst year I ever had, and the funny thing is I always felt we had a good club. But when we lost Jerry, we were sunk.

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berlain, was playing on a championship team.

UCLA ended an immaculate 30-0 season with a 79-64 rout of Dayton for the national collegiate championship.

Alcindor and his Bruins were so awed it was conceivable that they are destined for two more titles before Big Looie, who finished second in major scoring to Providence's Jimmy Walker (29 point average) graduates.

Alcindor's influence was so pervasive through the season it was difficult to determine just how good his teammates really were. During the NCAA semis and finals, Lynn Shackelford hit on 16 baskets.

Ordinarily, one would think Shackelford was a great shooter but then again the question arose, who knows? Lynn rarely had to shoot with a hand in his face. The concentration was always on Alcindor.

Mike Warren and Lucious Allen gave UCLA a great backcourt. They whipped the ball around and popped shots from all over the floor. But all this, too, was accomplished without the close defense that other good guards must face. Again the double and triple teaming and concentration was on Alcindor.

The legion of experts who offer comments and comparisons between Alcindor and Chamberlain could stretch for blocks.

For instance, Red Auerbach, the Boston Celtics general manager, offered, "Right now, Alcindor is neither the offensive man Chamberlain is nor the defensive man Russell is. But he's well-disciplined, and nature will make him a stronger player. Combining the two, he might turn out to be as good or better than either Russell or Chamberlain."

Joe Lapchick long ago predicted Alcindor would be the next Russell or Chamberlain and Bill Sharman, the San Francisco Warrior coach, said, "Alcindor, with his pro-type moves, could be a \$100,000-a-year-professional right now."

Maybe Alcindor's coach, Johnny Wooden, a more cautious man, had the right idea when he said, "I've seen a lot of potentially great athletes who never improve. Lew can be one of the greatest, but if you're asking me if he is the heir apparent to Chamberlain or Russel, at this time, I can't say."

"Lew isn't the defensive player Russel is, but he could be better offensively. If Lew can compare with Russel and Chamberlain, I'll be very happy, but I'd rather have him be Lew Alcindor... I want him to have his own identity."

Milt Gross, the New York Post columnist, concluded his column—Lew vs Wilt—Wait Two Years,—with, "Humbly it is suggested here, that basketball will survive Alcindor, just as it did Wilt, who



Wooden: "Lew can be the greatest."

could eat Lew whole at the moment. Let patience be our Tom Thumb rule and give the boy a chance to grow into a man."

Pete Newell knows his basketball. His credentials are the best. He turned the University of San Francisco into a national basketball power, drummed new life into the sport at the University of California before moving upstairs as athletic director and coached the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

Newell coached Bill Russell in college and directed teams which played against Wilt Chamberlain, yet he's not quite sure he has ever seen anything like Lew Alcindor.

"I believe Alcindor is a better offensive threat than Chamberlain at a similar stage of their career," Newell was saying which UCLA was bowling over the opposition enroute to the NCAA title. "He has a better shooting touch and better moves and is even a little taller. However, he's not quite as strong or powerful on the boards."

Howie Dallmar, the Stanford University basketball coach was asked, "Howie, you saw Chamberlain and Russel in college, compare them to Alcindor."

"Oh, he's more advanced than Russel. Bill didn't progress until he got to the pros," said Dellmar. "But I never saw Wilt do these kind of things around the basket. Lew bounces the ball once or twice, then goes at the basket from a dozen angles."





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his exact words. "If I had your body," he used to tell me, "I'd knock somebody down." He was the guy who made me start dunking the ball. In college, I can recall only dunking the ball in a game once during my entire career.

"But Alex changed that in my second year as a pro. In one game, he set up a play where I was supposed to get the ball and dunk it. The play came off, but I didn't go to the hoop and ended up missing the shot. I remember Alex slapping his hand to his forehead, and I remember him later calling a time out.

In the huddle, he called the same play. He told me that if someone was in my way and even if it cost a foul, he wanted me to knock him down and dunk the ball . . . I dunked it. And I've been dunking since.

"That was the turning point. I started to become more aggressive, and began turning toward the hoop."

Even while he was knocking opponents down in the second half of his sophomore season in the NBA, Thurmond was hurting. He had a terrible ache in his back that was a result of his right leg being half an inch shorter than his left one. It wasn't until playoff time the following year that the injury was properly diagnosed by Dr. Robert Kerlan, the physician who restored Sandy Koufax and Elgin Baylor to functional health.

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"I even told my mother that I was thinking of giving it up. She told me to keep my head up. And she and my grandma prayed for me.

"Last year ('66-'67), there was a little pain, but not nearly as bad. I think I'll always have pain. It's like little pins in the spine. Sometimes, I wake up after three or four tough games, and feel very stiff. But I do exercises that Dr. Kerlan gave me . . . do 'em all year round to keep the muscles loose."

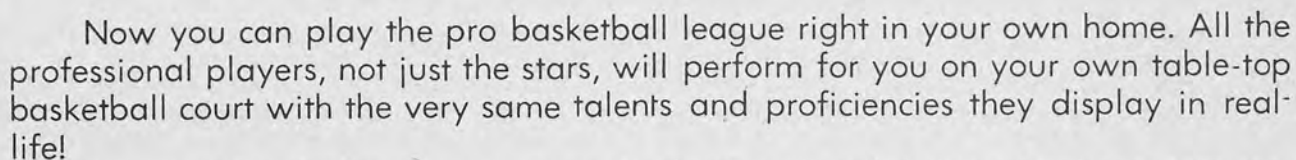
Off the court, Thurmond stays loose, too. He is dedicated to the good life, but never to the harm of his basketball ambitions. Take that off-season goatee he wears. "I grow it every summer" he says, "and get rid of it by the time the season starts. I wouldn't want people to think I'm trying to emulate the Big Two."

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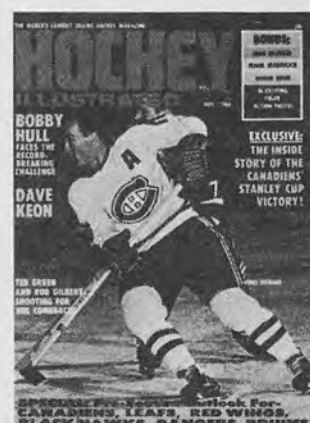
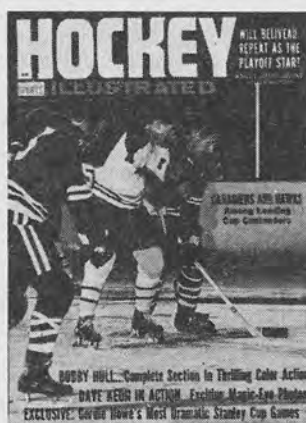
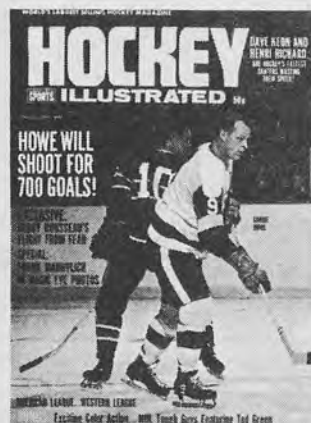
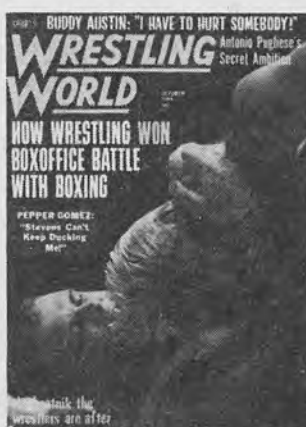
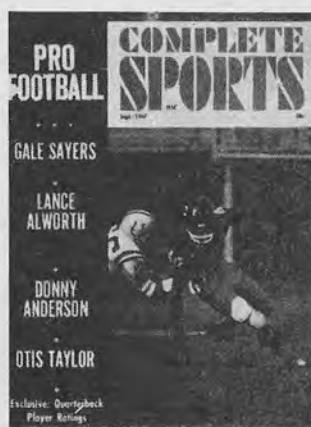
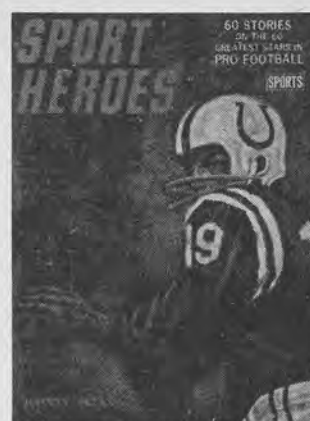
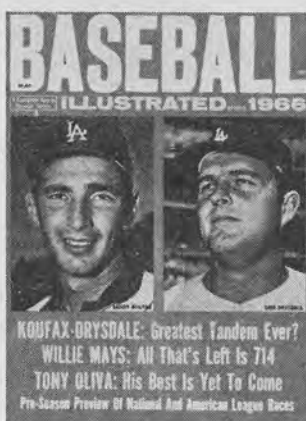
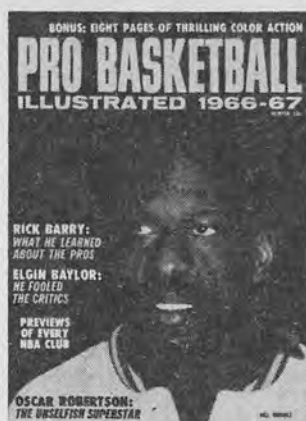
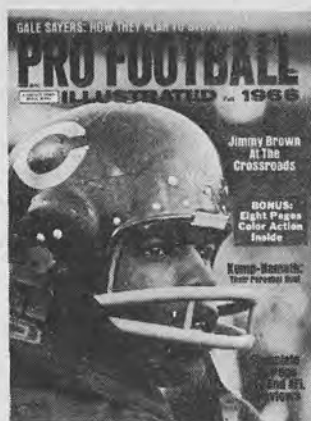
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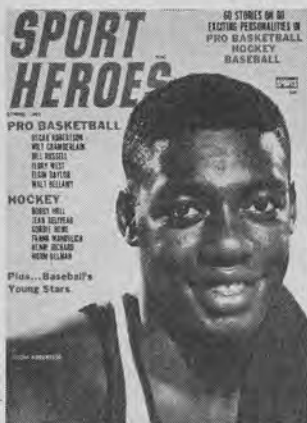
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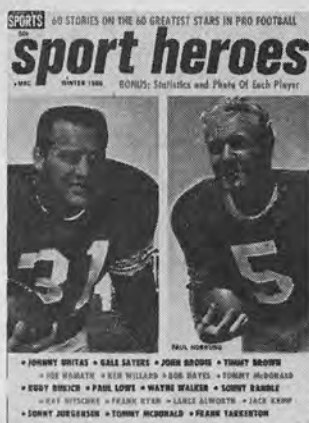
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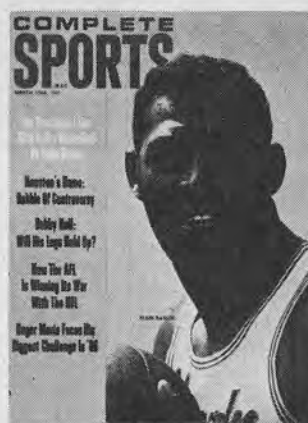




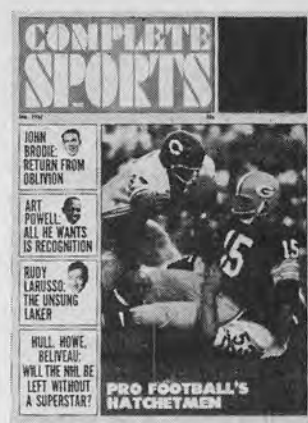
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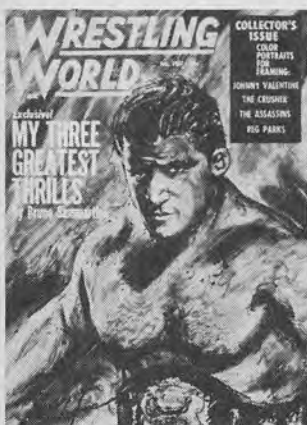
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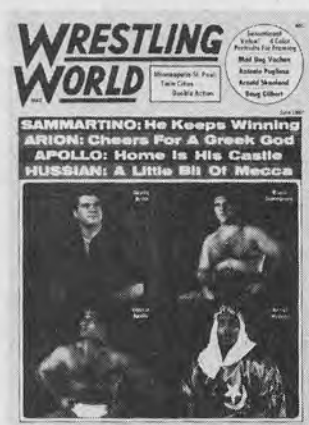
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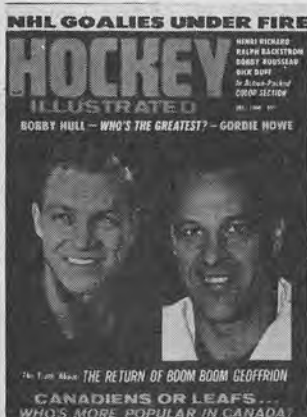
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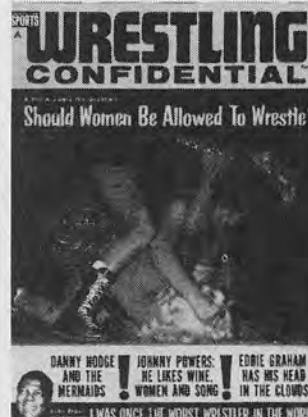
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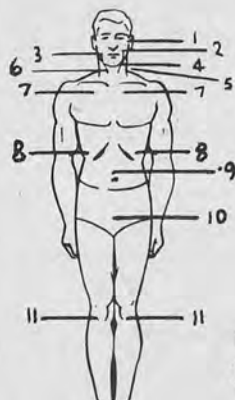
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